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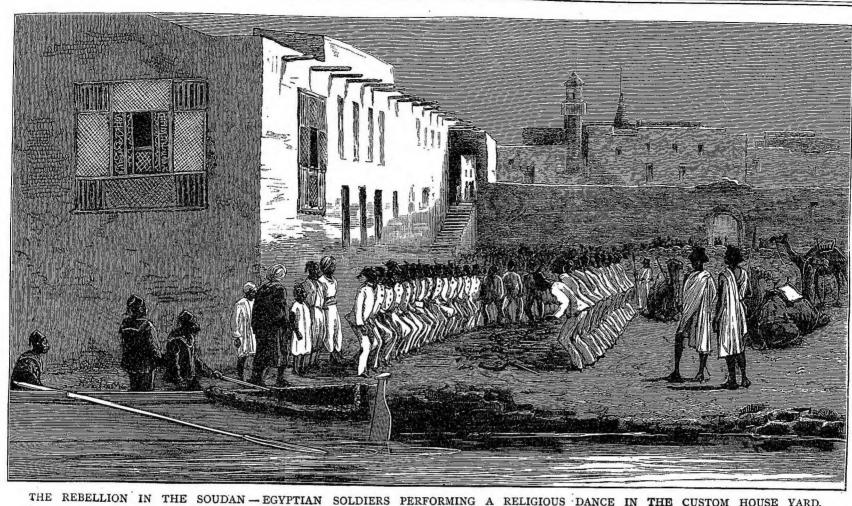
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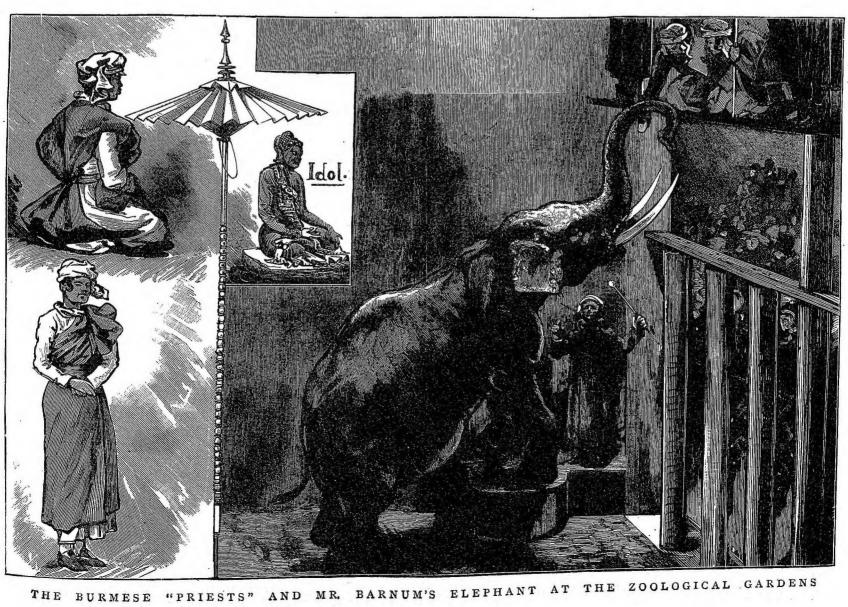
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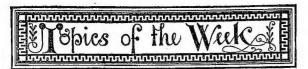
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THE BURMESE "PRIESTS"



"A STORMY SESSION."—Everybody seems to be of opinion that the approaching Session of Parliament will be the most exciting that the present generation has seen. Mr. Arthur Balfour has declared that it will "begin in a storm, be continued in a storm, and end in a storm." The Franchise Bill will, of course, offer the chief occasion for the furious debate which is anticipated, and of which we have already had some examples in the recess speeches of the leading politicians of both parties. The principle of the measure the Tories are unwilling to attack, knowing as they do that if they returned to office they themselves might have to undertake the task of extending the suffrage. But they have raised innumerable side issues, any one of which would be sufficient to provide them with an excuse for arguing that the settlement of the question ought to be postponed. The London Municipality Bill will be resisted with hardly less determination; and it may be expected that there will be much bitter fighting about the policy of the Government in Ireland, in Egypt, and in the Transvaal. The Conservatives affect to believe that their opponents wish to limit, or even to suppress, the right of free discussion about these matters; but the right of free discussion is the most essential article of the Liberal creed, and we may be sure that Mr. Gladstone and his supporters would have no wish to silence any party in the State even if they thought that it would be possible to do so. What is feared by the Liberals is not that the proposals which will be submitted to Parliament will be thoroughly considered, but that there will be more than the usual amount of desultory and useless talk-talk indulged for no other purpose than to waste time. If this line is taken, it may be successful for the moment; but we may doubt whether in the end it will be of advantage to those who adopt it. Whatever may be thought by members who obtain a sort of notoriety by wilfully retarding the course of national business, it is certain that the majority of Englishmen have no sympathy with them, but regard them as the most dangerous enemies of a really effective Parliamentary system. Should the "storms" which are foretold arise from mere obstruction, the obstructionists will succeed only in discrediting their own cause, which, if it is a good cause, should be capable of being defended by fair and rational methods.

LORD WOLSELEY ON THE ARMY. ---- After-dinner speeches are wont to wear a rose-pink hue; nevertheless, Lord Wolseley's statements made at the Artists' Corps dinner last Saturday may be regarded not only as important, but as highly satisfactory. Time out of mind there has been more grumbling about the Army and Navy than about any other British institution. Two reasons among others may be assigned for this well-known phenomenon. Being machines which are intended for use in war, the Army and Navy have a tendency to get out of gear during a prolonged period of For the same reason the number of officers always exceeds the demand, unemployed men are given to growling, and that kind of criticism which may be curtly summed up in the phrase, "the service is going to the devil," chiefly emanates from officers who are either temporarily or permanently laid on the shelf. At the same time, it is not to be denied that this disposition to grumble has its uses, although it will usually be found that the discontent is levelled, not at evils of long standing, but at the alterations which have been made with a view to remedy these evils. The short-service system, for example, has been the target for a great deal of abuse. It fills the ranks, we are told, with a lot of weedy boys, while the trustworthy non-commissioned officers of former days are rarely discoverable. There is some truth in these assertions, but it may be fairly alleged in reply that the short-service system is not so much a matter of choice as of necessity. Our recruiting tactics must be altered to suit the times. There was a period, and not so very long ago either, almost within the memory of persons still living, when, as soon as a young rustic pinned the ribbons into his hat, he practically disappeared from his friends for ever. It was a rare and noteworthy event if, years after, he hobbled back into his native village. Such a condition of affairs would now be deemed intolerable by the classes from whom recruits are chiefly drawn. Yet in the old days soldiers were obtainable, because wages were low, because ignorance of the outside world was immense, and because a young fellow, especially if he had been crossed in love, thought that anything must be preferable to perpetual digging. The youths of 1884 are not to be caught by such unattractive baits, though it is to be feared that the large number of men (33,000) enlisted last year shows that civilian employment is slack, and that enlistment is therefore regarded as an eligible if temporary stop-gap.

OBSTINATE JURYMEN.—Mr. Ribton has some reason to complain that judges are often too quick in dismissing jurymen who cannot agree. It has occasionally been suggested that the verdict of a majority should be taken in England, as it is abroad; but the fundamental principle of trial by jury is that the innocence or guilt of an accused person should be manifest to any twelve men picked

at hazard from the community. The verdict of a majority would simply mean that a certain number among a particular twelve were of such-and-such an opinion, and it would offer no guarantee that the majority of another twelve might not think differently. The duties of jurymen were very well expounded by the late Lord Chief Justice Cockburn in his summing-up on the Tichborne case, when he said: "I am the last man to suggest that if any one of you entertain a conscientious conviction, although he may stand alone against his eleven fellows, he should give it up, but the doubt to which a prisoner is entitled should be that which a rational thinking man may fairly hold, not the doubt of a vacillating mind which has not the moral courage to decide. And a juryman may start with a presumption that one individual is more likely to be wrong than the eleven from whom he differs, and so think of his own judgment with humility." There is a story of a juryman, who, having several times found himself in disagreement with his eleven colleagues, complained that he had always been empanelled with pigheaded men; but as a matter of fact such persons are rare, and the prospect of having to combat the remonstrances of his fellow-jurymen through a whole night will almost always bring to reason the man who holds out if he sees a chance of being soon dismissed. The old rule, however, as to locking up a jury for the night without fire or candle is an The object of the confinement being to reduce absurd one. refractory characters, this object is better served by allowing such men to see the indignant faces of their companions.

FLATTERING THE DEMOCRACY.--Radical orators are fond of denouncing the flattery which courtiers have always been willing to address to kings. And no doubt they are quite right; flattery is base and mean, and it is not made less base and mean by the dignity of the persons on whom it is lavished. But are not Radicals themselves becoming as guilty of this offence as courtiers have ever been? In these days the Crown has ceased to exercise much influence on the political life of the nation, its power having been transferred to the people. There is, therefore, no particular reason why politicians should go out of their way to utter pleasant things about Royalty; but the temptation to flatter the Democracy is in their case the same as was the temptation to flatter the Sovereign, in the time of Henry VIII. or George III. Radicals who boast of their independence, and who would be shocked to think that they had anything in common with courtiers, do not invariably stand the test to which their virtue is thus exposed. Mr. Bright, for instance, in his speech on Tuesday, had occasion to speak of the manner in which he and his colleagues had served their constituency. He might simply have said that they had served it as well as they could; but what he did say was, "I believe we have endeavoured, as far as our light went, to fulfil our duty to the noble constituency we are permitted to represent in Parliament." Why "noble?" What special claim to "nobility" can be set up by Birmingham any more than by Manchester, or Liverpool, or Glasgow, or any other big town in the United Kingdom? The truth is that the constituency of Birmingham is to Mr. Bright what Louis XIV. was to the French aristocracy, and he propitiates his lord and master in much the same way as they propitiated theirs. It requires some courage, perhaps, to speak to the Democracy plainly; but we do not believe that it is incapable of appreciating frankness. Mr. John Stuart Mill was asked at a public meeting whether he had said that the working classes of England are "habitual liars." "Yes; I said it," he answered; "and it is true;" and the working men who heard him rewarded his honesty with hearty cheers.

IRISH IRRECONCILEABLES IN PARLIAMENT. trumpets have sounded, the fray is about to begin, and the sanguine reformer (if such there be) who should plan out the legislative campaign of the Session without taking note of the Parnellites would be like the proverbial guest who reckoned without his host. There are not many of them, but they are able to exercise a disproportionate influence, because they can lend a hand in turn to each of the two great English parties as occasion suits, and because, moreover, they know pretty clearly what they want. This latter characteristic cannot be safely affirmed concerning the bulk of either the Liberals or the Conservatives. There are a few stiff-necked Tories who would like to keep everything as it now is, or even to retrace their political steps; but they have no important following. There are a few thorough-going Radicals, who would make root-and-branch work of existing institutions; but, whatever a Parliament elected on a more extended suffrage may think of their schemes, the present constituencies show little enthusiasm for them. The great mass of M.P.'s lie between these two extremes, and, though some are labelled Conservatives and some Liberals, it difficult, when talk is exchanged for action, to distinguish much difference between them. Whereas Mr. Parnell and his followers have a distinct aim in view, an aim, moreover, which is regarded by most of their fellow-members as not merely mischievous, but as absolutely disloyal. Their aim is the virtual, if not the actual, independence of Ireland, and their plan for attaining this end (as far as Parliamentary tactics are concerned) is to make themselves as troublesome and at the same time as important as possible. They reckon, and not without reason, that the Conservatives will look on complacently if their behaviour tends to delay the progress of the

measures announced in the Whig-Radical manifesto of next Tuesday; while, on the other hand, they will eagerly snatch at any concessions proffered to them by Mr. Gladstone, who is very apt to give in to people of whom he is afraid. By a stedfast adherence to this system; by weeding out the nominal Home Rulers and filling their places with genuine Nationalists; and by exercising the pressure of the Irish vote wherever possible in English and Scotch constituencies, Mr. Parnell believes that within a few years the goal of Independence will be actually in sight.

ILL-NATURED VALENTINES.—Judging from the coarser sorts of valentines which may be seen in shop-windows every year at this time, the postman must carry poison to many a house on the 14th of February. It seems there is a large demand for these ill-natured daubs, and it does not come wholly from ignorant and disorderly persons, as one might expect and hope. The propensity to pay off grudges in mean, underhand ways is unfortunately not the characteristic of any particular class; however, it is possible that spiteful valentines are sometimes sent thoughtlessly, or under the impression that by national custom a special licence is attached to Valentine's Day. Few of us are so thin-skinned as to take offence at a snowball thrown in fun, but snowballs with stones in them are not comical; and valentines which convey scurrilous insinuations or turn physical deformities into ridicule are often very like these missiles in the pain they inflict, and are meant to inflict. To what extent malicious valentines are circulated there is little means of guessing, for the recipients of such things are not accustomed to exhibit them; but there is a consideration which ought to stop young people, who are not vicious, from sending cruel caricatures and epigrams out of pure devilry, and it is this, that their freaks may cause suspicion to fall on the wrong shoulders. The morbidly sensitive man, who has his appetite spoilt on Valentine's Day by a missive which has wounded him to the quick, will be pretty sure to wonder who was his aggressor, and it would be odd indeed if he did not single out for lasting resentment the most inoffensive person in the whole circle of his acquaintance. One might imagine a droll yet pathetic comedy about a scapegrace nephew wrongly suspected of sending an undutiful valentine to his uncle, and being cut off with a shilling, while the fortune went to the sly and virtuouslooking nephew, who had been the real culprit.

-If Mr. Bright did not THE BIRMINGHAM SPEECHES .-retain the power of expressing his ideas in simple and graceful English, he would soon become the bore of the Liberal party. He seems to have become incapable of saying anything that has direct relation to the problems of his own time: all that we hear from him is a series of praises of the wonderful period when he and Mr. Cobden and Mr. Villiers were fighting the Battle of Free Trade. In his speech at Birmingham the other evening, he went over all the old ground once more; and even his most ardent admirers at the meeting must have wished, we should think, that he had found something rather less tedious to talk to them about. Mr. Chamberlain was more practical; and, as in his recent speech at Newcastle, he showed that when he pleases he knows how to discuss questions of public interest without going beyond the proper limits of debate in attacking his opponents. It was inevitable that his principal subject should be the extension of the franchise; and it will not be easy for the Conservatives to dispose of his arguments when the time comes for considering them in the House of Commons. Admitting that if the introduction of a Franchise Bill were expedient it would be necessary to make it applicable to Ireland, the Conservatives contend that this is a sufficient reason for delay, since the Irish cannot be safely entrusted with more power. As Mr. Chamberlain truly said, however, Home Rule would become almost unavoidable if reform in Great Britain were to be prevented by troubles on the other side of St. George's Channel. Besides, it has not been proved that our difficulties in Ireland would be increased by the proposed measure. The interests of Irish agricultural labourers are by no means identical with those of Irish farmers, and it may be that this new element, if properly appealed to, would help us to overcome the obstacles which now stand in the way of the real union of the two countries. As for our own agricultural labourers, all that is known about them tends to confirm what Mr. Chamberlain says regarding their fitness for the discharge of the political duties from which they have hitherto been excluded.

CHINESE MILITARY PREPARATIONS.—Two blacks do not make a white, and it does not follow that, because we have behaved badly in Egypt, the French are to be excused for behaving badly in Tonquin and Madagascar. Butthe Jingo policy of our Ministers concerning Egypt has plainly caused them (irrespective of Mr. Gladstone's tendency to "backwardation" when confronted with a bullying foreigner) to regard French aggressiveness abroad with a dangerous leniency. One result of this complacent apathy on the part of Her Majesty's maladministrators is that the property of British subjects has been wantonly destroyed in Madagascar, while in China the rising excitement concerning the French invasion of Tonquin may lead the populace throughout the various Treaty Ports to make a holocaust of the "foreign devils," without caring to inquire whether the white victims

are French or not. Meantime, it is more difficult than ever to foresee whether actual war will break out between France and China. The French have temporarily postponed the attack on Bac-Ninh, and the Chinese are actively pushing on military preparations, but these are not of such a character as to induce the impartial looker-on to believe that the Brother of the Sun and Moon is thoroughly in earnest. M. Ferry, as is well known, has all along taken this view of the Chinese threats. Without doubt, premising that the Marquis Tseng said that which the Emperor's advisers wished him to say, a high-spirited and homogeneous nation would ere this have declared war. But the Chinese, though fearless of death, and therefore excellent soldiers, if wisely led, cannot be called a high-spirited people. Nor are they homogeneous. There is apparently no more sympathy between the Manchu dynasty and the mass of the people than there is—according to Mr. Parnell -between landlords and peasantry in Ireland. A foreign war might kindle half-a-dozen Taeping rebellions, and might result in a revolution by which the whole world would be affected. So, let us hope that peace will be preserved.

ADVERTISING BOARDS.—Destructive as were the recent gales it is a mercy that more lives were not lost through them. In several parts of London huge advertisement boards were blown down, while the scattering of loose slates and the overthrow of cranky chimney-stacks pass all reckoning. We hear so much about "jerry building" and scamped work done by tilers and plumbers that a wholesale ruin of roofs may be expected every time a hurricane rages; but if we are helpless against the negligence of builders whose bad performances can often only be detected by professional eyes, we might at least ask to be protected against ill-fastened advertisement boards. These boards are now to be seen everywhere; some of them are of enormous size, and perched at such a height above the street, that when hurled from their clamps they descend with the noise of thunder, and with destructive power enough to crush a dozen men, if so many happened to be in the way. But the firms which erect these boards are generally rich enough to have them secured properly, and to get them examined from time to time to see that the original fastenings have not got out of repair. There is an old Municipal edict about sign-boards, which was issued during the mayoralty of Sir Samuel Garrard, in 1710, and amplified under his successor, Sir Gilbert Heathcote. It enacted, that "by reason of the falling down of sign-boards in high winds," householders should hang nothing whatsoever outside their dwellings without apprising an officer of the Corporation, who was to see that the thing suspended was duly fixed; moreover, it was ordered that "if henceforth a board fall the owner thereof shall pay a fine of forty shillings to the Corporation, even if no hurt have come to man or beast through its falling." This was not a bad edict, and might be revived to the common advantage with an increase of the forty-shilling fine.

CHARGES AGAINST THE LONDON SCHOOL BOARD. We do not know what foundation there may be for the accusations which have been brought against the London School Board by Mr. John Lobb, one its members; but certainly they are not accusations which the Board can afford to disregard. According to this gentleman, one official of the Board had received, up to November, 1882, in addition to a salary of 1,500% per annum, the sum of IOI,000%, to which he was entitled in consequence of an arrangement granting him "four per cent. on all sites on which schools were to be erected." Another official is said to have declared that in his own department 150,000l. had been spent in five years "with no perceptible return." In the erection of school buildings 15,000% is spent in alterations, all of which, Mr. Lobb holds, "might be avoided if proper attention were paid in time." Altogether, if we may trust Mr. Lobb, "about a million has simply been wasted through the wild and reckless policy of the official party;" and the saving of this sum would have meant "threepence in the pound less rates," Mr. Lobb does not content himself with vague statements, and, if they are exaggerated or untrue, it ought to be perfectly easy for the Board to expose his errors. Ratepayers have a right to express a hope that it will lose no time in undertaking this necessary duty. The majority of the people of London have borne without complaint the burdens imposed upon them for the establishment and maintenance of good popular schools; and probably they would be willing to sanction increased expenditure if it was really necessary for the improvement of our system of elementary education. Mere waste, however, is another matter; and we trust it will be shown that Mr. Lobb's charges spring from misapprehension.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING AND SPECULATION. year ago Mr. Octavius Coope wrote a letter in the Times, showing how he had lighted up his house, Berechurch Hall, by electricity; and now he follows up this communication by a second letter, in which he details the experiences of the past twelvemonth. These are highly satisfactory, and there seems no reason why the illuminating power which is here employed in a single wealthy household should not be distributed in (say) a dozen or a hundred middle-class dwellings, provided (perhaps the most difficult matter of all) landlords and training the landlords and tenants could be induced to agree in trying the experiment. Meanwhile it must be confessed that the com-

mercial success of electric lighting has been seriously retarded by the web of gambling in which it was involved almost from the outset. As soon as it became known that electric lighting appeared to be a feasible enterprise, and likely to supersede gas, the pestilent speculator appeared on the scene. Everybody who takes any interest in stockjobbing knows the history of that exciting time. The "Brush" patent was bought, and was farmed out to a number of subsidiary companies, on the principle adopted by the once-famous Date Coffee Company. For a while parent and children throve amazingly, and shares ran up to 600 and 800 per cent. beyond their paid-up value. But then, presently, people discerned that these high prices were due, not to any justifiable commercial prospects, but to mere gambling inflation. It was simply a new version of the South Sea Bubble and the Tulipomania. The sad story of the decline in the fortunes of this concern has been told in a lately-published circular. The people who thus lost their money by embarking in a gambling venture do not deserve much sympathy; but it is justifiable to lament the injury which has been inflicted on electric lighting by the intrigues of the "market-riggers." Possibly this good may result from the evil—namely, that the delay may enable inventors to improve the system of installing the light, and cheapen the cost of its production, so that its introduction into private dwellings may become a matter of ease and certainty.

CHILDREN'S PARTIES. Our medical contemporaries have not spoken out too soon about the excitement produced on the minds of little boys and girls by children's parties. Children are so easily amused, that the elaborate entertainments which it is now the fashion to provide for them, often fail in the objects proposed, and cause intense agitation rather than healthy enjoyment. What with morning performances at the theatres, fancy-dress balls, private theatricals, and parties offering an ingenious variety of recreations, with a not less stimulating assortment of supper dainties, some of our young people now pass their winter holidays in a round of exhilaration which gives them a distaste for the simple amusements of home. One or two parties and a single visit to the pantomime used formerly to be considered enough for children during the Christmas holidays; but nowadays we meet youngsters who know as much about favourite actors and actresses as their elders, and who in the matter of parties are nicely fastidious, having learned to establish comparisons between hosts who do things "in style" and those who are still so primitive as to treat children like children. We need not trouble ourselves overmuch about the boy in his teens, who, after the dissipation of his holidays, quickly gets put to rights by the work, diet, and boyish games of his school; but it has become too common to take out to children's parties little mites of three or four who are not strong enough to stand the excitement of these revelries, and who as it appears, on the evidence of doctors, are often seriously affected by them. Mothers should see to this, and withstand the temptation of showing off the precocious graces of their little ones, even when enticed by those nouveaux riches who delight to collect children in crowds round them, and to refresh their jaded taste for novelties by the sight of tiny folk masquerading in the garb of grown-up people.

EARLY CLOSING.—The Early Closing Association have issued a sensible manifesto, in which they point out the futility of hoping for an Act of Parliament which would relieve thousands of persons serving in shops from the tyranny of long hours which they now endure. It will be sufficient here if we indicate two only out of many objections to such an attempt. If the provisions of the Factory Acts, arbitrarily limiting the working hours of women and children, were extended to retail shops, establishments where only male adult labour was employed would be started to supply latecoming customers. If, again, any special trade, such as that dealing in drapery and haberdashery, were selected for compulsory early closing, the "overlapping" system, which already exists, and is daily increasing, would become still more general; that is to say, tobacconists, perfumers, and others, would supply the articles which used to be regarded as the proper function of haberdashers and drapers. It is well known that this fact has in some districts caused the failure of the Thursday night closing, which once promised so well. Combinations among the *employés*, and constant agitation of public opinion, afford, we believe, the best chance of lightening the toils of shopmen and shopwomen.

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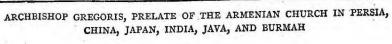
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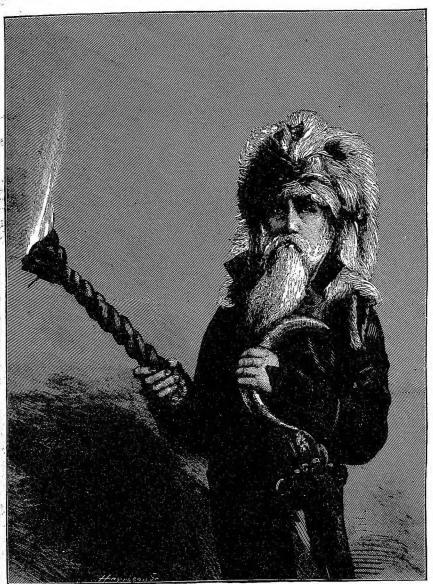
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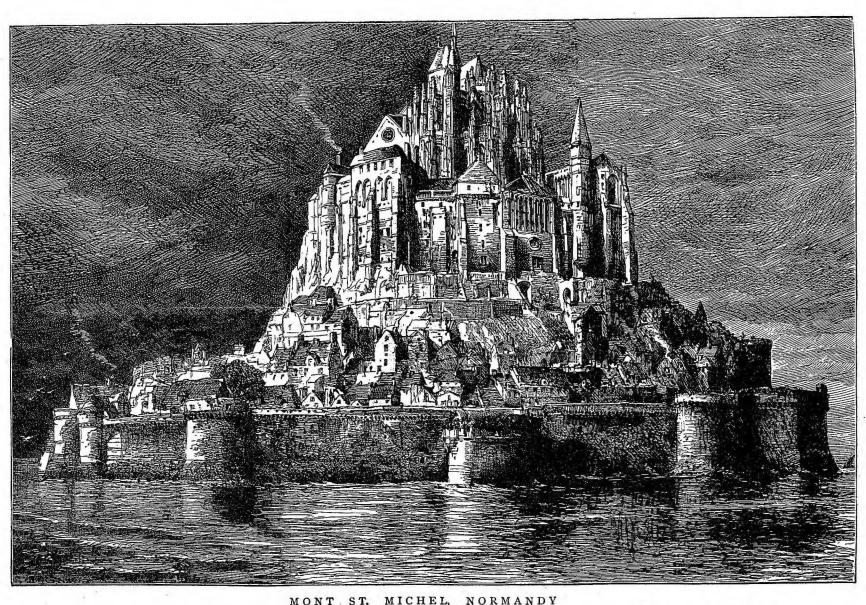
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DR. PRICE, THE WELSH DRUID



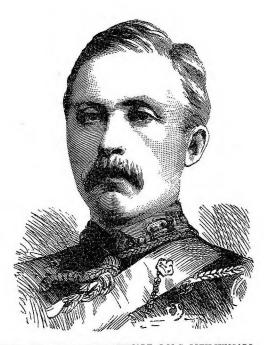
MONT ST. MICHEL, NORMANDY

The proposal to connect the Mount with the mainland by a causeway has drawn forth urgent remonstrances from M. Victor Hugo and other prominent Frenchmen



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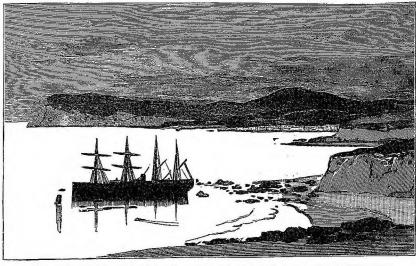
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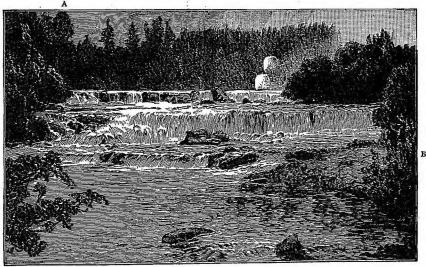


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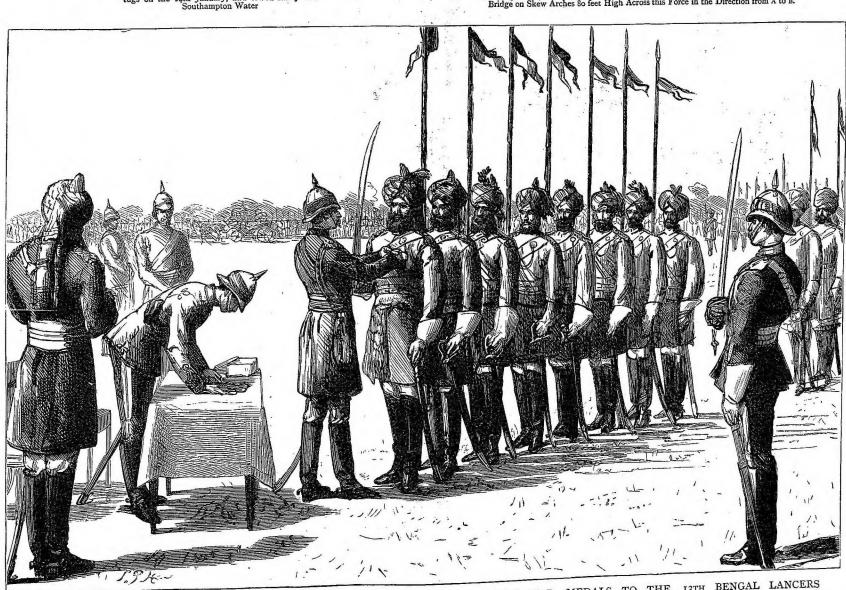
SS. "DUKE OF WESTMINSTER" ASHORE ON THE ROCKS NEAR VENTNOR, ISLE OF WIGHT

This vessel went ashore at Atherfield, during a dense fog, on the night of January 3rd, but, as the weather fortunately remained calm, she was got off by two tugs on the x4th January, and towed safely into Southampton Water



THE RAILWAY VANDAL AGAIN—AYSGARTH HIGH FORCE, WENSLEYDALE, YORKSHIRE

View from Aysgarth Bridge (an Ancient Stone Bridge of a Single Arch, Rising 32 feet, and Spanning 71 feet, Built in the Year 1530), Looking West up the River Yore. Bear Park is on the Right. It is Proposed by the Skipton and North-Eastern Railway Company to Throw a Railway Bridge on Skew Arches 80 feet High Across this Force in the Direction from A to B.



THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT IN INDIA-THE DUKE PRESENTING EGYPTIAN WAR MEDALS TO THE 13TH BENGAL LANCERS AT MEERUT, DECEMBER 19TH, 1883



THE REBELLION IN THE SOUDAN

THE SHEIKS OF THE SHIAH TRIBE AT SUAKIM

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THE immediate effect of the arrival and the preaching of the Sheik El Mhargani, a sketch of whose visit to General Sartorius we published last week, has been to bring in the Sheiks of some of the tribes which inhabit the country surrounding Suakim. These, though they have hitherto not actually declared themselves in rebellion against the Egyptian Government, have lately shown no cordiality towards us. "On the morning of January 4," writes Colonel G. D. Giles, to whom we are indebted for the sketch, "they arrived in camp, and at once proceeded to the Custom House yard, where they were to be addressed by the Sheik El Mhargani. They were about 200 in number, mounted on camels, each man carrying a lance and shield, and in some cases a sword. We could not help thinking, as they silently swept through the town, and as silently made their camels lie down while they dismounted, what a first-rate corps might be made from such materials. The men them selves were fine and handsome, in some instances wearing turbans; but, as a rule, having their heads uncovered, and their hair frizzed in the manner peculiar to this part of the world. They afforded a striking contrast to the Egyptian troops, a company of whom came down to the Custom House yard, and who, while the Sheiks of the tribes were upstairs being addressed by the Sheik El Mhargani, performed beneath the windows a dance, or religious ceremony, known as the 'Zikrr.' This consisted in their taking off their belts and bayonets and laying them on the ground. They then formed two lines facing each other. They threw their heads backwards and forwards, bowing, and bending and straightening their knees at the same time, while keeping up a perpetual cry of 'Allah!' This, from the throbbing regularity with which it was repeated, reminded one very much of the noise made by a steamengine. The object of this spectacle was to propitiate the natives—a result, however, which was not obtained, judging from the scorn

THE BUDDHIST "PRIESTS" AND THE WHITE ELEPHANT

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The interest and controversy which have been excited by the arrival of Mr. Barnum's "white" elephant have been heightened by the advent of two Buddhist priests. Just as numerous naturalists have denied that Toung Tallung is white, so certain Indian authorities are expressing their incredulity that the two Burmese gentlemen now in attendance are "priests," or that the idols to which they pay their respects are images of Gautama Buddha. Be this as it may, on Saturday the two Burmans, named Bah Chone and Hpo Choe, were introduced by Mr. Barnum's agent to some specially invited guests in the Lecture Room of the Zoological Gardens. They had been engaged some time since to accompany a former white elephant which had been purchased by Mr. Barnum, but which had died mysteriously at Singapore. The Burmans, nevertheless, consented to go to the United States, whence they have travelled to London to form part of Toung Tallung's retinue. They were dressed alike in a white jean tunic and a yellow potro, or man's petticoat. A dark-coloured scarf was thrown over the left shoulder, their legs and feet were encased in white stockings and embroidered slippers, while a yellow handkerchief covered the head. In this room were a couple of the so-called sacred umbrellas. As soon as two images of Gautama in black and gold, and in robes ornamented with imitation precious stones, were brought in, the two "priests" at once kicked off their slippers, and, dropping into a crouching position, "meditated" in the orthodox fashion. After a short time they retired, put on overcoats and boots, and then went to see Toung Tallung, being warmly welcomed by the mahout Rahdi, while Toung Tallung graciously accepted the tribute of a biscuit from his adorers. A bedroom has been fitted up for the Burmans over the elephant's stable, and they will accompany Toung Tallung during his provincial tour. Those interested in gastronomical details may like to know that they are extremely fond of sausages, but are stri

ARCHBISHOP GREGORIS, AN ARMENIAN PRELATE

This distinguished ecclesiastic is Prelate of the Armenian Church in Persia, India, China, Japan, Java, and Burmah. He was born at Constantinople in 1837, and educated there at the Armenian Divinity College, which is under the direct supervision of the Patriarch. His devotion to his studies and his manifest taste and aptitude for ecclesiastical matters attracted the attention of that dignitary, and accordingly, after completing the necessary studies, young Gregoris, at the age of twenty-four, was consecrated Bishop. In this capacity he assisted the Patriarch in his labours for some years. On the death of the Ka-to-ghi-cos, or Head of the Armenian Church, who resides at Edgmiatzin, the Patriarch was elected to that office by the Council of Bishops, and Bishop Gregoris accompanied him to Edgmiatzin, and twelve years later was consecrated Archbishop. He then was despatched to Persia as Armenian Prelate of the East, and now resides at Ispahan, working indefatigably at the management of his somewhat extensive Diocese. About six years ago, on the occasion of the Prince of Wales's visit to India, Archbishop Gregoris went to Calcutta, where he was especially distinguished by His Royal Highness. We are indebted for the portrait to Mr. James Anatoon Malcolm, of the well-known family of Malcolm in Persia. THIS distinguished ecclesiastic is Prelate of the Armenian Church

A MODERN DRUID

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On the night of Sunday, January 13th, the inhabitants of the Vale of Glamorgan were startled by the sight of a large fire on Clyan Mountain, near the town of Llantrissant. About a thousand people made their way to the top, and there found Dr. William Price, of Pontypridd, standing, robed in white, in the midst of a centre of fire, chanting a Druid funeral hymn. The doctor, who is eighty-four years of age, has long been known as a most ardent upholder of ancient Druidical rites. Further investigation showed that he was burning the body of his infant child, five months old, in a tarbarrel. The mother of the child (which was illegitimate) was his housekeeper, Gwenllian Llewellyn, who is described as a respectable, good-looking woman of thirty-five. Three days later, Dr. Price was charged before the magistrate with "a misdemeanour in common law in not burying the body decently." There was no allegation of foul play, evidence having been adduced that the infant died from natural causes, but the defendant has been committed for trial, bail being accepted. The chief interest of the case centres in Dr. Price himself, who is a most eccentric character, and dresses accordingly. When in Court he wore green trousers and a white linen tunic, and for headgear the whole skin of a fox, including the ears and tail. Part of his long white hair was in plaits, and his ample beard flowed over his breast. His peculiar figure was occasionally seen in London some fifteen years ago. His observations concerning Druidism are very interesting. Druidism, he declares, has never died out in Wales, but survives to the present day. It is, moreover, false that the Druids offered up human, or,

indeed, any sacrifices of living creatures. Their belief in the doctrine of transmigration would render such a practice abhorrent. Cæsar must have been misinformed when he gave currency to such an injurious statement.

MONT ST. MICHEL See page 118.

THE LATE MARQUIS OF HERTFORD

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On Monday, January 21st, Lord Hertford was hunting with the Warwickshire hounds near Alcester, when his horse trod on some obstacle and fell heavily, rolling upon his rider. Lord Hertford was very seriously injured, especially in the spine, which brought on paralysis. That he survived the accident until Friday, the 25th January, shows what a fine constitution he had, for he was an old man, born February 11th, 1812. He was educated at Harrow, and then entered the army, becoming a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Scots Guards. On the death of his cousin Richard, in 1870, he succeeded to the Marquisate. He had held several Court appointments, such as Deputy Ranger of Windsor Park, Equerry to the Queen and the Prince Consort, and Lord Chamberlain of the Household. In 1839 he married Lady Emily Murray, a daughter of the third Earl of Mansfield. By this lady he had a large family. His eldest son, Lord Yarmouth, who succeeds to the title, was born in 1842. The late Marquis appears to have been both respected and liked by the people on his estate.—Our engraving is from a photograph by R. W. Thrupp, 66, New Street, Birmingham.

LIEUT.-COLONEL STEWART

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LIEUT.-COLONEL HAMILL STEWART, who is now on his way to Khartoum with General Gordon, is the eldest surviving son of the late J. T. Hamill Stewart, of Ballyatwood, County Down, Ireland, by his marriage with Marion Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Hudson, of Loughbrickland, County Down. He was educated at Cheltenham College, and afterwards entered the Royal Military College at Sandhurst, whence he passed out with considerable distinction in September, 1865. He was shortly afterwards gazetted to a Cornetcy in the 11th (Prince Albert's Own) Hussars. On their return from foreign service in India, he, in May, 1879, was appointed one of Her Majesty's Vice-Consuls in Anatolia, where he remained fill October, 1882. He was then ordered to Egypt on special service, and at the conclusion of the late war he was directed to proceed to Khartoum, to prepare a report on the condition and statistics of the Soudan, which publication recently made its appearance before the public. Colonel Stewart was created a C.M.G. in May 1881, and is a well known Oriental traveller and an accomplished linguist. Our portrait is from a photograph by Alex. Bassano, 25, Old Bond Street.

THE LATE EARL GROSVENOR

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THE lamented death of this young man, heir to the richest Dukedom probably in the world, recalls Horace's trite yet always impressive remark, that "Death knocks with impartial foot at poor men's cabins and at Kings' palaces." In such cases medical skill seems but of small avail. Though Lord Grosvenor's frame was herculean, his ordinary health was not of the best, and recently even slight ailments affected him much. He developed the illness which killed him on Wednesday, January 16th, when he went out in a dog-cart to Eaton, unfortunately without an overcoat. Shortly after he became feverish, and complained of sore throat. Then the lungs became affected, and soon after midnight early in the morning of Tuesday, January 22nd, he passed away. The cause of death seems to have been catarrhal pneumonia.

Earl Grosvenor, the eldest son of the Duke of Westminster, and of his first wife, Lady Constance Gower, a daughter of the second Duke of Sutherland, was born at Stafford House, St. James's, April 28th, 1853. The Queen stood sponsor in person at his baptism. He was educated at Eton, was a magistrate for Cheshire, and formerly held a lieutenant's commission in the Cheshire Yeomanry Cavalry. He married in November, 1874, Lady Sibell Mary Lumley, youngest daughter of the Earl of Scarborough, by whom he has left several children. Hugh Richard, Lord Belgrave, his son, now heir to the estates, is only four years of age. Great sympathy is felt for the Duke of Westminster, who has been much afflicted by his son's death.—Our portrait is from a photograph by Abel Lewis, Douglas, Isle of Man.

STRANDING OF THE "DUKE OF WESTMINSTER"

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STEAMER

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On the night of Thursday, January 3rd, during the prevalence of a dense fog, several vessels went ashore in the Channel, and among others the Duke of Westminster, a steel steamer of 3,726 (gross) tons, belonging to the Eastern Steamship Company (Limited), and bound from Brisbane to London with passengers and a general cargo. She went ashore at Atherfield, in the Isle of Wight. Twenty passengers were landed by lifeboat, and the crew, who were mostly Lascars, subsequently were despatched to the Asiatic Sailors' Home, London, as the earlier attempts to get the vessel off the rocks were unsuccessful. Finally, however, two powerful tugs, the Gamecock and the Kingfisher, were sent round from Liverpool. After various attempts they succeeded in getting the Duke of Westminster off on the night of Monday, January 14th. They then towed her safely round to Southampton Water. Part of her cargo had been previously jettisoned, and some discharged into lighters, the work being carried out under favourable conditions owing to the very calm and settled state of the weather.—Our engraving is from a sketch by Mr. Frank H. Deacon, Salopia Villa, Madeira Road, Ventnor, Isle of Wight.

AYSGARTH FORCE

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VERY famous for their beauty are the three "forces," or waterfalls, of the River Yore, at Aysgarth, Wensleydale, Yorkshire. The High Force, which is the most beautiful of the three, runs great risk of having its picturesqueness spoilt by a railway invasion. The projectors of the Skipton and North-Eastern Junction Railway propose to cross the River Yore over the High Force by means of a skew bridge, the line being some sixty feet above the river. The line is said to be needed for the purpose of giving the neighbouring farmers convenient access to Skipton Market, and also because it will cheapen the price of coal. Mr. J. H. Metcalfe, of Leyburn, Wensleydale, wrote in the Pall Mall Gazette, of January 15th, an eloquent letter in opposition to the scheme, declaring that the advantages referred to above, even if they are obtainable, which he denies, are not to be weighed in the balance against the disfigurement and destruction of quietude which the introduction of the railway will cause in one of the most secluded and beautiful spots in Yorkshire. Moreover, Mr. Metcalfe informs us that the line might easily be made to cross some distance above the bridge, where its presence would be less objectionable. An influential association, headed by Lord Wharncliffe, has been formed for the purpose of opposing the Bill. Mr. Ruskin, too, is interesting himself in the matter.—Our engraving is from a photograph by J. B. Smithson, Leyburn.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT PRESENTING WAR MEDALS TO THE 13TH BENGAL LANCERS AT MEERUT

OUR Indian Contingent, under General Macpherson, performed good service throughout the Egyptian campaign, and by the excellent manner in which they were equipped, and the simple and admirable

organisation of their transport arrangements, were enabled to execute exceedingly rapid marches and manoeuvres. At Tel-el-Kebir they assisted to storm Arabi's right, but their great achievement was the rapid manner in which they pushed on to Zagazig, and captured a train as it was leaving the station. One of the foremost regiments throughout was the 13th Bengal Lancers, and to these gallant fellows the Duke of Connaught recently distributed the Egyptian war medals at Meerut. The Duke has also distributed the Egyptian medals to the native officers of the 2nd Bengal Cavalry at Lucknow. A curious incident occurred on the Duke's arrival at Allahabad. While inspecting the guard of honour of the East India Railway Volunteers his quick eye detected the Victoria Cross on the breast of one of the men, Mr. F. C. Schiess. With that readiness and good-feeling so general with the members of the Royal Family the Duke at once stepped up to him, and inquired kindly how he had earned that distinction. "At Rorke's Drift, South Africa," was the answer.

SCENES IN AND AROUND SAN FRANCISCO See page 107.

THE PROPOSED NEW UNIFORM FOR THE ARMY

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The latest development of the British soldier's equipment is the new Khaki dress. The distinctive feature is the colour, which is a kind of warm drab-grey, selected as coming as near invisibility as possible; the belts, accoutrements, boots, gaiters, &c., are made to assimilate, inasmuch as pipeclay and blacking are to be banished and grease substituted. Other improvements are the introduction of pockets in the coat, and of two removable slips of cloth, fastened by loops to buttons on the breast, each made to hold six cartridges. An idea has been borrowed from the Italians, which takes the form of two hard shoulder-pieces, which serve to prevent the rifle slipping from the shoulder in marching. The whole dress looks easy, serviceable, and in a certain way elegant. It will only be used on active service, the present uniform being still retained for home service. It will also be made universal; no facings will be worn; and there will be nothing to distinguish regiments but the name embroidered on the shoulder-piece. For cold climates a sleeved waistcoat of the same colour is served out. The tunic is provided in front with pleats, which can be undone on service, so that the garment becomes a loose one.

PRESENTATION TO SIR FREDERICK LEIGHTON, P.R.A.

THE Annual Battalion Dinner of the "Artists" (20th Middlesex) THE Annual Battalion Dinner of the Artists (2011 Manages), Volunteers, last Saturday, was endowed with more than usual interest owing to the presence of Lord Wolseley, and to the presentation of a testimonial to Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A., on his retirement from the active command of the corps. This testimonial Volunteers, last Saturday, was endowed with more than usual interest owing to the presence of Lord Wolseley, and to the presentation of a testimonial to Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A., on his retirement from the active command of the corps. This testimonial consisted of a large silver bowl and a handsomely-bound album, containing an address in which the deep regret of the corps at his retirement, was expressed: "During the fifteen years of your command," it stated, "we have risen from a comparatively small corps to be an efficient battalion of eight companies. We feel that this success is mainly due to the zeal and tact with which you have discharged your duties, and to the unfailing courtesy and kindness you have shown to those who have had the honour of being associated with you. We desire to offer you our congratulations on your appointment as Honorary Colonel, and we trust that this connection between us may long continue." In reply, Sir Frederick Leighton alluded to the days when "Twenty-five years ago, among the first, I shouldered in your ranks the obsolete thing which was then a rifle. It will be a deep satisfaction to me to remember that, while life and strength were green within me, I bore my humble part in the furtherance of that movement, in regard to which my faith at no time failed or faltered; and most triumphantly have those whose faith never faltered been justified in that faith." Alluding to the difficulties at first encountered by the movement, he dwelt upon the fact that "the country at last awakened to a full sense of the powerful weapon which it has to hand—a weapon of which the brilliant General who honours us to-night with his presence—the Adjutant-General of the Forces—has felt able to speak in terms of high praise and encouragement." Sir Frederick Leighton, who still retains the honorary Colonelcy of the corps, is succeeded in the practical command by Lieut.-Colonel Edis. Amongst other well-known Artist-Volunteers who signed the testimonial were Major Val Prinsep, A.R.A., Philip Calder

THE JUVENILE BALL AT THE MANSION HOUSE

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Although fancy dress was not obligatory at the Juvenile Ball given by the Lady Mayoress at the Mansion House, the greater part of the young guests adopted picturesque costumes, some of which were strikingly effective. Thus there were Dolly Vardens, Kate Greenaway girls, fisher-maidens, shepherdesses, and fairies galore; while two boys were singularly conspicuous as the "Young Princes in the Tower," after Millais' well-known picture. Gainsborough's far-famed "Duchess of Devonshire" and "Blue Boy" were also reproduced, while much amusement was caused by the appearance of a miniature "Masher." There were also a feminine Postal Pillar Box, a "susceptible" Lord Chancellor, a magnificent Mephistopheles, with various and variegated Turks, Pages, Bakers, and Knights in full armour. In addition to the dance programme, there were numerous juggling, Punch and Judy, hand-bell ringing, and theatrical entertainments for the more juvenile guests.

"DOROTHY FORSTER"

A New Story, by Walter Besant, illustrated by Charles Green, is continued on page 113.

THE MAHARAJAH THAKORE SAHIB OF BHAONAGAR

THE name of His Highness the Maharaja of Bhaonagar came prominently before the English public in May last in connection with the opening of the Northbrook Club by H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. This institution is a part of the Society founded to promote cordial relations between India and this country, and, approving of this object, the Maharaja endowed it with 10,000l. We have now pleasure of presenting our readers with a portrait of the Prince, engraved from a photograph by Bourne and Shepherd, Calcutta. His Highness the Maharaja Rawul Shree Takhtsingjee, K.C.S.I., Thakore Sahib of Bhaonagar, governs a territory

Highness, some years ago, of the Anight Commandership of the Star of India by the Queen-Empress.

His Highness received an English education at the Rajkamar College, founded in Kattywar under the auspices of Colonel Keatinge, V.C., C.S.I., and ever since entering on his duties as a sovereign ruler has devoted himself with true English energy and sovereign ruler has devoted himself with true English energy and shrewdness to them, and particularly to the moral and material development of his country and people. He has been the first Kattywar chief to build a line of railway in that province, thus establishing direct communication with the main highways of commerce in India. As a social reformer he has made himself known by breaking through many superstitious Hindoo customs, and only a few months ago he gave a great impetus to the cause of female education all over India by sending his own daughters to the female school established by him in memory of his first wife. The total sum of his benefactions in support of his first wife. The total sum of his benefactions in support of English education and social reform in Western India amount to

one hundred thousand pounds sterling.

His Highness has been always warmly supported in all his efforts for the advancement and amelioration of his State by the Dewan Gowreeshankar Oodeshankar, C.S.I., the venerable ex-Prime Minister; and by the Dewan Samaldass Parmanandass, the present able Prime Minister. Bhaonagar is regarded as a model Principality, administered exclusively through Native agency.

NOTES IN THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

THE province of Mendoza is the most Western portion of the THE province of Mendoza is the most Western portion of the Argentine Republic: on the east lies a plain 1,100 miles across; on the west is a breast-work of gigantic elevation, bristling with volcanoes, and culminating in the huge mountain Aconcagua. The eastern part of the province is sterile, the soil sandy, and the vegetation stunted. But, as the Andes are approached, the climate becomes more humid, rain refreshes the earth, numerous streams water the soil, grassy prairies and grand forests abound. The capital city, named, like the province, Mendoza, is hedged in by poplars, and surrounded by canals. The city was called the "Montpellier of America," and the inhabitants were (and still are) industrious and enterprising.

But a terrible visitation was impending. Down to 1861 the shocks of earthquake which wrought such havoc in Chili seemed to be unable to pass the chain of the Andes. On the 20th March, however, at 8.30 P.M., a roar was heard underground, a fearful shock followed, and nearly every building in the town (the theatre excepted) was shaken down or seriously injured. 7,000 of the inhabitants were either buried beneath the ruins, or swallowed up in the chasms of the shaken earth. The city, as most of our readers may be aware, is situated on the eastern side of the great chain of the Andes, immediately below the first rise to the mountain pass that leads to Santiago, the capital of the Republic of Chili. Unhappily for Mendoza, its chief notoriety up to the present time has been connected with its sufferings; but it is henceforth to be known by its activity, and to be brought far more prominently before the public by the Argentine Great Western Railway lines, by means of which the city of Buenos Ayres, the capital of the province of that name, and also the capital of the Argentine Republic, will be brought into immediate connection with the city of Santiago. But a terrible visitation was impending. Down to 1861 the shocks with the city of Santiago.

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In the first place, there is a line from Buenos Ayres city to Mercedes; thence there is to be a line to Villa Mercedes; and thence to Mendoza. At Mendoza the line will begin to mount the Andes, traversing the Uspállata Pass, and thus this important artery of communication will add yet another important impulse to the now rapidly advancing Argentine Republic, where it may reasonably be hoped that its inhabitants are really abandoning wrangling in politics, and devoting themselves in earnest to show the world what wonderful resources their highly-gifted and extensive territory possesses.

"THE COQUETTE"

This young lady is by a foreign artist, and is decidedly of a Continental type. It is a type which may be found sometimes in "John Bull's Island;" but we hope not very often. This coquette is artificial all over, and she looks it, as she practises her little airs and graces by the aid of a hand-mirror. To our fancy, she is not a very dangerous sort of siren. Her coquettishness is too obvious. The really dangerous coquette is she who seems hearty, natural, and sincere, and who lures you on till you find—you have made a fool of yourself.

"THE GODMOTHER"

Miss Gow introduces us here to a very interesting little domestic scene. The young lady, who is dandling the baby, and exhibiting her watch for its delectation, is the child's godmother. The mother, who is standing up, has been an old servant of the family, the nurse, perhaps, of her visitor. The other children meanwhile are gazing with eyes of delight at the toys and other nice things which this "fairy" godmother has brought with her.



HER MAJESTY'S NEW WORK, "More Leaves from the Journals of Life in the Highlands, from 1862 to 1882," will be published in the course of the next fortnight.

ACCORDING TO A CIRCULAR issued to the Members of the Opposition in the House of Commons, Egypt is to form the subject of an Amendment to the Address, and a division will be taken on it probably about the 11th of February.

THE MARQUIS OF LANSDOWNE, as Governor-General of Canada,

has been appointed a G.C.M.G.

Presiding at a Lecture on Canada, delivered by the Secretary to the High Commissioner for the Dominion, the Marquis of Lorne spoke of the general success of emigrants to British North America, and threw out for the consideration of the Government the suggestion that on the recommendation of some local authority in a congested district—East London or the West of Ireland, for

instance—an advance, say of 11. per head, should be given to persons sent out to the Dominion when approved alike by the Government here and on the other side.

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The Last Few Days have been rife with the oratory of more or less prominent politicians. Tuesday was specially prolific of public speaking. The three Members for Birmingham addressed their constituents. Mr. Bright, in a speech almost wholly retrospective, sketched from his own point of view the Conservatism of the past in order to give emphasis to a protest against trusting it in the future. Mr. Chamberlain intimated that the County Franchise Bill of the Government would be a very moderate measure, disturbing as little as possible existing rights and privileges. Referring to the argument of Opposition speakers that as an extension of the franchise in Ireland was inopportune, England and Scotland ought to do without it, he said that to compel the other sections of the United Kingdom to wait for needed reforms until Irishmen were contented, would make Englishmen and Scotchmen impatient of a connection which produced such a result.—Addressing his constituents at Woodstock, Lord Randolph Churchill announced his intention of standing for Birmingham in conjunction with Captain Burnaby at the General Election if, as seemed to be the case, such was the wish of the whole Conservative party in that borough.—At Huddersfield Lord Cranbrook wound up a strongly anti-Ministerial speech by declaring that he would rather see the House of Commons.—At Liverpool Lord Carlingford prefaced a general defence of the Government by expressing a hope that through a reasonable but stringent use of the powers they possessed in regard to the Commons.—At Liverpool Lord Carlingford prefaced a general defence of the Government by expressing a hope that through a reasonable but stringent use of the powers they possessed in regard to the importation of foreign cattle, and with the co-operation of the local authorities, they would be able to keep the foot-and-mouth disease within very narrow bounds indeed.—Speaking at Cirencester, and commenting on Mr. Dodson's recent remark that the Government did not carry out the resolution of the House of Commons last Session against the importation of live animals from infected countries because they had not the power, Sir Michael Hicks Beach said that if that were so, the Government ought to ask for it

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ON WEDNESDAY Mr. Goschen addressed his constituents at Ripon in a speech dealing mainly with franchise and redistribution. Retaining his objections to household suffrage in counties, he admitted that the question was practically settled, and he would not approve was broached by the Government simultaneously with the approve was broached by the Government simultaneously with the introduction of the County Suffrage Bill. He was strongly opposed to scrutin de liste, and though to break up large constituencies into sections, each possessing a small amount of representation, had a tendency to diminish local feeling, yet he would prefer that plan to giving to a large constituency a number of members all elected by the same majority, and holding the same political opinions. If members are taken from small boroughs to increase the representation of counties and large towns, he hoped that the small boroughs would be made to serve as the basis of fresh provincial town-centres, and that this provincial life would not be swamped by the agricultural interests around it. That minorities and diversities of interests should be represented was the gist of Mr. Goschen's remarks on reshould be represented was the gist of Mr. Goschen's remarks on redistribution.

ON WEDNESDAY, too, Lord Salisbury spoke at the inaugural dinner of a Conservative Club at Hertford. Referring to the animadversions on his previous speeches respecting the future of the Reform question, he disclaimed all right to speak for others, and Reform question, he disclaimed all right to speak for others, and expressed surprise at the excitement which had been produced by his suggestion that any great alteration in the Constitution should be first submitted to the verdict of the nation. If there was one thing which was an aversion to the servants of the people it was to go before the people for their opinion. Reviewing the action of the Government in Egypt, he blamed them for not showing vigour at the outset, and ascribed the present state of things to a conflict in their councils between the policy of Lord Palmerston and the recollection of what he called the quackeries, sophistries, and clap-traps, which were victorious at the General Election of 1880. It was possible that the abandonment of Egypt to its fate might still be counselled; but such a course would be disgraceful to England.

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SIR STAFFORD NORTHCOTE was installed on Wednesday Lord Rector of the University of Edinburgh, and delivered an address, which was received with great applause. He defended classical studies, especially that of Greek literature, and intimated his intention of giving a prize of twenty-five guineas for the best essay on an historical subject.

LAST WEEK Sir Charles Dilke and Sir William Harcourt received a deputation from the Mansion House Council on the Dwellings of the Poor. The President of the Local Government Board laid some, and the Home Secretary much, stress on the alleged obstruction offered by the present system of local government in the metropolis to the enforcement of existing laws for the regulation and improvement of the dwellings of the poor.

A GREAT AND ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING OF LOYALISTS at Dublin last week was attended and addressed by Mr. W. H. Smith, Mr. Gibson, M.P., and the Earl of Rossmore. Referring to the proposed extension of the Irish suffrage, Mr. Smith remarked according to the census, there were 425,150 mud. cabins in Ireland, so that if their occupiers received household suffrage these would form the majority of the Irish electorate.—On Monday, at a crowded meeting in Belfast, Lord Rossmore was presented with sympathetic addresses from the Loyalists of Ireland. Appropriate resolutions were passed, one of which called for a closer union between the Loyalists of England and of Ireland. In replying to the addresses, Lord Rossmore and that he did not receive this treatment by the Lord Rossmore said that he did not regret his treatment by the Irish Executive, being convinced that it had done incalculable, though unintentional, good to their grand common cause of liberty and loyalty.—Although the dissatisfaction with the conduct of the Irish Executive to Lord Rossmore threatened at one time to produce an opposite result, Lord Spencer's first levels for the season was an opposite result, Lord Spencer's first levele for the season was largely attended, and by representatives of both political parties.— Both meetings having been proclaimed, the Loyalists abstained from a counter-demonstration arranged in consequence of a demonstration of Nationalists announced for Tuesday at Castlewellan, County Down. The Nationalists, however, contrived to hold a meeting in the neighbourhood, and some violent speeches were made.—At Killmullen, where a Nationalist League meeting was to have been held on Sunday, but was proclaimed, an attempt was made to hold it, but was prevented without much difficulty by a strong body of police, which charged and dispersed a crowd of about 100.

A LOCK-OUT OF THE WEAVERS still at work in Blackburn,

THE WEAVERS still at work in Bla whose earnings contribute to the support of those who have struck, has been decided on by the masters as a means of terminating the strike.

A FURTHER TRIAL WAS MADE AT FOLKESTONE on Tuesday, before a distinguished company, of the plan invented by Mr. Shields, of Perth, in testing which the South Eastern Company are co-operating, for stilling troubled waters by pouring oil on them. Although the weather was unfavourable to the experiment, it seems to have been successful. For half a mile or more the oil pumped from submerged pipes produced a glassy strip, to seaward of which the waves are described as curling and breaking into foam.

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A TERRIFIC GALE AND STORM on Saturday night swept over the United Kingdom, doing great injury to life and property on land and sea. In Scotland it was followed by a heavy snowstorm, producing a general interruption of railway traffic, and rendering the line between Inverness and Perth completely impassable. To the Obituary of the Week belongs the death of Sir R. M. Lewis-Bulkeley, Constable of Conway Castle, in his fifty-second year; of Sir Edward Hay-Drummond Hay, formerly Governor of St. Helena, in his sixty-eighth year; of Mr. Laskett, five times elected member for Worcester, to which city he was a benefactor, in his eighty-third year; of Mr. William Bird, who contributed to the early development of the export trade in iron; of Mr. J. Goodall, a prominent Australian politician and merchant, formerly Chief Secretary of Victoria, in his sixty-sixth year; of Mr. Thomas Brittain, the "Lancashire Botanist;" and of the Ven. George Warlow, Archdeacon of Madras.



Mr. Colin Hunter was elected an Associate of the Royal Academy on Wednesday.

"CALLED BACK," the Christmas story by "Hugh Conway," which has attracted so much attention, has been reprinted in the form of a handy shilling volume by Mr. J. W. Arrowsmith, 11, Quay Street, Bristol. It is well worth reading.

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Newsvendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution.

—The annual general meeting of this institution will be held at the office, 28, Martin's Lane, Cannon Street, City, on Tuesday, 5th February, 1884, at 7.30 P.M., Dr. W. C. Bennett in the chair, to receive the annual report and balance sheet, elect the officers of the institution, elect pensioners (for which there are two candidates—viz., Mr. J. Moseley and Mr. Clarke), and other ordinary business. The attendance of the subscribers, of the members of the Press, and newsvendors generally, is particularly requested.

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Heinrich Heine's Memoirs are to be published in a German journal, the Gartenlaube, the author's manuscript having been bought for 640l. There are 128 pages written in pencil by Heine during the last years of his life, but the MSS. is not complete, as some of the earlier sheets relating to the origin of the Heine family were burnt by the poet's brother. Indeed, there will probably be some controversy over this autobiography, for this same Baron Heine owns another copy of the memoirs which he bought from his brother to save them from publication, and apparently Heinrich Heine rewrote them afterwards in the copy now to be published.

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CARD-SENDING IN ENGLAND is becoming rather a social worry, considering the mass of one's acquaintances to be duly supplied with Christmas, Easter, and birthday cards—to say nothing of wedding and funeral memorial cards and valentines; but Britons are not and funeral memorial cards and valentines; but Britons are not obliged to despatch elaborate pasteboard devices to their friends on the birth of a child, like the Parisians. Most fanciful billets de faire part de naissance are the rule in Paris just now, such as a pale blue card for a boy, emblazoned with dark blue and silver letters; or pale pink with rose and silver for a girl. In the left corner are the father's coat of arms and monogram, and the particular sign of the zodiac dominant at the time of the child's birth.

DR. HOLUB, THE WELL-KNOWN AFRICAN EXPLORER, who lately started to undertake a journey across the Dark Continent, has been stopped at the very outset. Setting off with only small means he hoped to raise sufficient funds by exhibiting his equipment in Cape Town, but the authorities will not allow his packages to pass without heavy customs dues which he cannot afford to pay. So the explorer writes in sore distress, stating that his funds will soon be spent on his followers, and that he cannot practise his profession, as there are already too many doctors in the field. Turning fession, as there are already too many doctors in the field. Turning from tropical to arctic exploration, the Americans are planning another relief expedition for the unlucky Greeley party, who could not be found last year, and must by this time be in sore distress, if indeed they survive.

THE SOCIETY OF FRENCH WATER-COLOUR ARTISTS opens its Spring Exhibition in Paris to-day, and as this young Society has furnished some of the most interesting artistic work in Paris of late, the picture-lovers are anticipating much from the collection. Parisians are also looking forward to M. Munkacsy's new picture, "The Crucifixion"—a pendant to his "Christ Before Pilate," which is just for inhed, and will cheetly be only high and the property of the contributed. is just finished, and will shortly be exhibited. Talking of the Austro-Hungarian painter, his well-known compatriot, Herr Hans Makart, nearly lost his studio and its mass of treasures by a fire in his house at Vienna. The adjoining room caught fire by a petroleum lamp being placed too near a curtain, and a number of valuable pictures, and the ceiling elaborately painted by Herr Makart, were destroyed, although the flames were suppressed before reaching the studio itself.

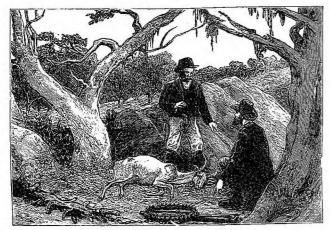
A PRECIOUS MANUSCRIPT KORAN has been seized by the Turkish Customs just as the treasure was about to be exported to Turkish Customs just as the treasure was about to be exported to Paris. It is a large edition which once belonged to the Sultan Mahomed I., and was subsequently bought by the Imperial Library, but for the last two centuries it has been owned by an Austrian merchant family in Salonica. The Sultan does not approve of letting such a literary relic leave the kingdom, perhaps taking a hint from the manner in which many valuable Arabic documents belonging to the Khédive's library are said to be disappearing from Egypt. Since Arabi and his friends dismissed the Khédive's German librarian, this fine collection is stated to be under the command of ignorant natives who are willing to part with any amount of national literary property for a suitable consideration. consideration.

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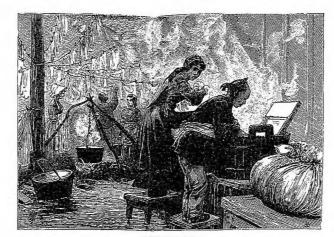
TAXES' CHART.—The Workmen's Peace Association, 9, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C., has published (price 6d.) an ingeniously-constructed chart, showing the amount and distribution of taxation for each year between 1833 and 1882. Four colours are used. The expenditure on the Army and Navy is red, that on the National Debt green, that for Civil purposes yellow, and the total blue. The annual expenditure has increased from 50,000,000. in 1833 to 86,000,000. in 1882. Out of every pound raised by taxation during the present century 16s. 8½d. has been expended either in war or in providing against war, and only 3s. 8½d. for unwarlike objects. And we doubt if this does not understate the case, as much of the so-called Civil expenditure arises indirectly from naval and military requirements. Every Cabinet Minister should have a copy of this chart hung over his desk. It may restrain the development of Jingo tendencies.

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LONDON MORTALITY declined last week, and 1,531 deaths were London Mortality declined last week, and 1,531 deaths were registered, against 1,578 during the previous seven days, a decrease of 47, being 396 below the average, and at the rate of 19'9 per 1,000. These deaths included 2 from small-pox (a fall of 3), 42 from measles, 32 from scarlet fever (a decline of 3), 16 from diphtheria, 80 from whooping-cough (a decrease of 11), 20 from enteric fever (a fall of 4), 2 from ill-defined forms of fever, and 9 from diarrheea and dysentery (a decline of 1). Deaths referred to diseases of the respiratory organs numbered 360, and were 179 below the average. Different forms of violence caused 50 deaths; 46, were the result of accident or negligence, among which were 17 from fractures and contusions, 13 from burns and scalds, 3 from drowning, I of a metallic cask maker from lead poisoning, and 9 of infants under one year of age from suffocation. Four cases of suicide were registered. There were 2,410 births registered against 2,272 during the previous week, being 437 below the average. The mean temperature of the air was 44'9 deg., and 5'4 deg. above the average.



SETTING A TRAP FOR A PANTHER



WASHING DAY



A SKETCH IN CHINATOWN-PREPARING FOR A CHINESE FESTIVITY



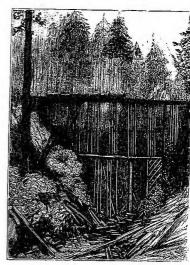
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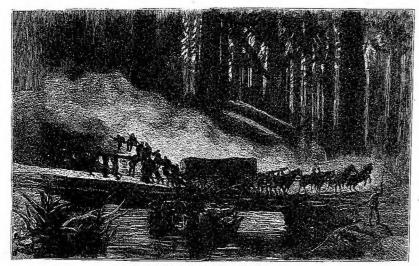
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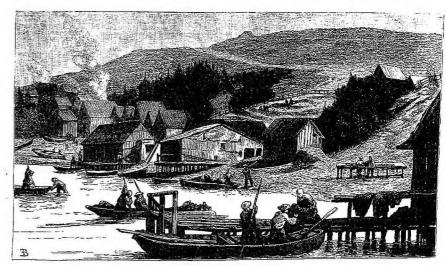
A BRIDGE IN THE REDWOODS



A BREAKDOWN IN THE RED WOODS



DRYING SHRIMPS FOR CHINA



A CHINESE FISHING VILLAGE



GENERAL GORDON arrived in EGYPT on Thursday week, and as it had been thought advisable that he should proceed to Khartoum by way of the Nile and Korosko, rather than by Suakim and Berber, he at once went on from Port Said to Cairo. The next day he held a long consultation with the Khédive, Sir Evelyn Baring, Sir Evelyn Wood, Nubar Pasha, and Colonel Stewart. On Saturday General Gordon left by rail for Assiout, where a steamer awaited him to take him to Assouan, or the First Cataract. There he arrived on Wednesday, and was to proceed by another steamer to Korosko, which he expects to reach on February 4th, and then he will strike across the desert to Abu Hamed, a five days' journey. Three days' journey down the Nile would take him to Berber, and five more to Khartoum, where, if all goes well, he is due on the 17th. General Gordon has been appointed Governor-General of the Soudan, with full powers, and was accompanied as far as Assouan by General Graham and Abdel-Shakoor, the son of the late Ameer of Darfour, to whom the Khédive has offered to restore that province on certain conditions, but without payment of tribute. From Assouan the new Ameer will go to Dongola, and thence to Darfour. General Gordon is travelling without an escort, and it is said has taken a large amount of specie with him. What his definite instructions are it is impossible to say, as although all sorts of rumours are abroad the only authoritative statement on the subject comes from General Gordon himself, who, on being asked what his mission really was, replied, "I go to obey orders."

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At Cairo all is quiet. Colonel Harrington and 600 men have gone to Suakim, where telegraphic communication has now been established. General Baker has gone to Trinkital, whence he intends with a force of 3,600 men to march to the relief of Tokar. He will probably encounter severe resistance, as it is estimated that from 15,000 to 20,000 rebels are between Trinkital and Tokar. General Gordon's mission apart, the chief item from Cairo is the new loan of 950,000. which Messrs. Rothschild have afforded to the Khédive.

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The economical crisis in Paris and financial affairs in general have been exciting considerable discussion in France. The former has been the subject of a long and wearisome debate in the Chamber. M. Ferry spoke on Monday, and attributed the crisis to competition and to backwardness in adopting improved tools. He denounced the idea of expelling foreign workmen, and pointed out that the depression in the provincial towns was disappearing without the application of any such drastic measures. As to the building crisis, this was due to the number of expensive houses which had been built, and for which there was no demand. The Government approved of the construction of artisans' dwellings, but the measure had been opposed by certain Revolutionists, and consequently it had been withdrawn by the Municipal Council. Other topics had been the new loan of 14,000,000%, which it is expected will be issued carly next week, and the Budget, which has now been definitively passed by the Chamber and Senate—the former, however, again throwing out the credit of 120,000% for the Senegal Railway, which has been reinserted in the estimates by the Senate.

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PARIS suffered severely from Saturday's gale, and numerous accients occurred. There was an election to the Academie last week, dents occurred. There was an election to the Academie last week, M. Edmond About being the successful candidate for the vacant fauteuil of M. Jules Sandeau by eighteen votes to fourteen, secured by M. Coppée. The latter will probably be elected to M. Laprade's seat, while there is a third vacancy—that of M. Henri Martin, for which M. Wallon is candidate. The theatrical novelty of the week has been a new drama at the Français, Smilis, by M. Jean Aicard, in which an old general marries his ward, but, finding that she regards him as a father, and is in love with his aide-de-camp, generously shoots himself, and leaves the young lovers to enjoy their happiness. Madame Sarah Bernhardt has achieved a great success in La Dame aux Camellias, at the Porte St. Martin: her performance of Adrienne is said to be inimitable. There has been a good deal of sensational writing about the sudden death of a poor rag-picker, who died at a protestation meeting. Fashionable ladies have visited his wretched lodgings, and his colleagues honoured him with a grand funeral. The deaths are announced of Louis Lenoir, the well-known water-colour artist, and of M. Dumont, the scalptor. dents occurred.

In RUSSIA the Czar is said to have been greatly gratified at the address from the Convention of Nobles at Moscow. The document

expresses the readiness of the Nobles, in the future as in the past, faithfully and truly to serve the Czar, to observe his laws, and to uphold his sovereign rights, which the Nobles respect as an historical legacy, as a guarantee for the welfare of the Fatherland, and as the corner-stone of the country's honour, strength, and unity. The Czar, it is said, acting on the advice of his physicians, is taking a far greater part than usual in the gaieties of the St. Petersburg season. Thus there have been several receptions, and, with the Empress, he has gone to concerts and theatres. On Monday the first Court Ball was given in the Winter Palace, being opened by the Czar and Empress with a polonaise; Sir Edward Thornton, the British Ambassador, danced the first quadrille with the Empress. The Nihilist intrigues, however, and the consequent arrests, still continue, and a number of persons inscribed on a list marked "dangerous," which was found amongst Colonel Sudeikin's papers, have been thrown into durance vile. The censorship also is growing even yet more strict with newspapers, and several journals have received warning—many, indeed, have given up publication for the present. The remains of the late Captain de Long, of the Jeannette, have passed through Moscow on their way to Hamburg. The coffin was followed to the station by a solemn procession, composed almost wholly of Russians. posed almost wholly of Russians.

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Yet another murder in Vienna has startled Austria. A detective, named Bloch, has been assassinated at the suburb of Floridsdorf, and the murderer when arrested threw down a dynamite bomb, which, however, fortunately did not explode. He is unknown, and had cut all the marks from his linen in order to escape identification. In answer to all interrogatories he simply declares that he is a member of "a corporation which proposed to itself the task of reconstituting human society on the basis of social democracy." He murdered Bloch because he had been sentenced to death. The Governor of Florisdorf had previously received a letter announcing his condemnation to death. To turn to political affairs, the Emperor has conferred with Herr Tisza and also with the Archbishop of Gran and the Vice-President of the Hungarian Upper House with regard to the Jewish Marriage Bill. The result was that when the second refusal of the Bill by the Upper House was reported to the Lower Chamber Herr Tisza proposed a resolution that the Bill would not be dropped, but that as the present moment seemed inopportune it would be subsequently reintroduced. The debate on the adoption of German as the State language was brought to an abrupt end by a vote of the Clôtare. In Croatia all is quiet, although political circles are still agitated. The National Party are about to issue a manifesto justifying their conduct and explaining their views. manifesto justifying their conduct and explaining their views.

In India the Ilbert Bill, as modified by the compromise with the European Defence Association, has been passed by the Legislative Council. The chief incident during the final debate was an amendment proposed by the Maharajah of Durbungah that the right of claiming a jury in serious cases should be extended to natives. This was negatived, and the Maharajah acknowledged that it was preposterous to expect that a conquered race could ever be put on a footing of equality with its conquerors. The Akha expedition is now virtually at an end; the prisoners have been surrendered, and the troops are returning. The chief, Mehdi, however, has not given himself up.—From Burmah we hear that Mr. Hallett, who is travelling in co-operation with Mr. Colquhoun, was to leave Hlenebooy for the Shan States on Wednesday next. The party was to consist of Mr. Hallett, Dr. Cushiney, two interpreters, four followers, and six elephants. They have found no obstacle to the work of railway construction to the frontier.

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THE QUEEN has been entertaining the ex-Empress Eugénie at Osborne. Princess Beatrice went to Portsmouth at the end of last week to meet the ex-Empress, and in the evening the Queen gave a small dinner party in her guest's honour. Lord Sydney and the Dean of Windsor joined the party on Saturday, and dined with Her Majesty in the evening, while on Sunday morning the Dean officiated at Divine Service at Osborne before the Queen and Princess Beatrice. Later Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar arrived, and in the evening Her Majesty gave a small dinner party. The

ex-Empress left on Monday, Princess Beatrice escorting her to Portsmouth in the Alberta, and Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar followed shortly afterwards. The Queen may possibly go to Germany rather earlier than at first arranged, probably about the third week in March, but Her Majesty will previously spend a few days in town next month to hold two Drawing Rooms. The Queen and Princess Beatrice will stay some time at Baden-Baden, whence they will go over to Darmstadt on the day of the marriage of Princess Victoria of Hesse, returning to Baden after the ceremony. The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of Albany will also attend the wedding.

will go over to Darmstadt on the day of the marriage of Princess Victoria of Hesse, returning to Baden after the ceremony. The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of Albany will also attend the wedding.

The Prince and Princess of Wales returned to town on Saturday from visiting Lord and Lady Alington at Crichel, and in the evening went to the Savoy Theatre. Next morning they attended Divine Service, and on Monday the Prince left for Leigh Court, near Bristol, to stay with Sir Philip and Lady Miles. On Tuesday he shot through the home coverts with moderate sport, and in the evening accompanied his hosts to a concert at the Colston Hall, Bristol, in aid of the Royal Infirmary and General Hospital. Wednesday was also spent in shooting, a ball being given at Leigh Court in the evening, and on Thursday the Prince left. Meanwhile the Princess remained in town till Tuesday, when she rejoined her daughters at Sandringham, after spending a few hours with Prince Albert Victor at Cambridge on her way. This month the Prince and Princess visit Redhill to lay the foundation-stone of the new schools of St. Ann's Asylum, with full masonic honours.—During Prince George of Wales' stay at St. John's, Antigua, with the Canada, he played in a cricket match of the ship's officers against the local planters, being captain of the winning team, joined in a paper-chase, and attended a ball at Government House.

The Duchess of Edinburgh and her children go to Osborne at the end of this week on a visit to the Queen. The Duchess has been entertaining at Eastwell the Russian Ambassador with his wife and daughter, the Netherlands Minister and his wife, and a number of other guests. The Duke of Edinburgh has now gone to Cagliari, Sardinia, with the Channel Squadron, after a pleasant visit to Palma, Majorca. Whilst at the latter port the Duke went out shooting, but had very bad sport, and visitors were allowed to inspect the ships, while the bands of the fleet gave a concert on the Alameda. On leavings the vessels passed by

masons.

Harbour.

The King and Queen of Holland will visit the King and Queen of the Belgians at Brussels in May.



THE NAME OF MR. TALBOT, Warden of Keble, a personal friend of Mr. Gladstone, and that of Canon Fleming, of York, are spoken of in connection with the approaching vacancy in the See of Chester.

THE REV. WILLIAM GEORGE HENDERSON, D.D., Head Master of Leeds Grammar School, has been appointed Dean of Carlisle, in succession to Dean Oakley, translated to Manchester. Dr. Henderson, who is a High Churchman, has never held any parochial

charge.

At a Gathering of Churchmen in Canterbury, Canon Wilberforce stated that before starting for Brussels, en route, as was then thought, for the Congo, General Gordon wrote, asking for the prayers of a prayer-meeting held in the Canon's house. On returning to London and being ordered to Egypt, he wrote again to the Canon, asking that thanks should be given at the next similar meeting for a return to the prayers of the former one. His original request was couched in the following terms: "Pray for me, that I may have humility and the guidance of God, and that all spirit of murmuring may be rebuked in me."

PRESIDING AT THE RE-OPENING OF THE EDINBURGH CASTLE.

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PRESIDING AT THE RE-OPENING OF THE EDINBURGH CASTLE, Dr. Barnardo's restored Mission Hall in Limehouse, Lord Cairns contrasted it and the coffee palace beside it with the music-hall and gin-palace which occupied the same site some years ago, constituting a centre of vice and immorality. While attaching great importance to the better housing of the poor of London, Lord Cairns said that a good dwelling would not change a man's heart; but if a man's heart were changed, he would do everything in his power to provide for himself a good dwelling.

AT A MEETING IN THE BOURNEMOUTH TOWN HALL in connection with the Young Men's Christian Association, Lord Shaftes-

nection with the Young Men's Christian Association, Lord Shaftesbury, who presided, spoke strongly in favour of the maintenance of Sunday Schools, as it was in them alone that the great mass of children received the doctrines of vital Christianity. He declared it to be insanity in these days for Churchmen to endeavour to separate themselves from Nonconformists in movements undertaken for the good of the people.—In reply to an application from the separate themselves from Noncomormists in inovements undertaken for the good of the people.—In reply to an application from the Rhyl Young Men's Christian Association, Mr. Gladstone has placed at their disposal his "Gleanings" in seven volumes, intimating that he is thus departing from his usual practice when asked to make donations of the kind to public institutions.

More than Five Thousand Signatures have already been affixed to the Memorial to the Queen on the subject of the report of the Ecclesiastical Courts Commissioners, which, as previously mentioned in this column, has been drawn up by the Church Association. Among the signatories, who include 500 clergymen, are Lord Shaftesbury, Lord Ebury, Lord Wolseley, the Marquis of Exeter, and Sir Thomas Chambers, Q.C.

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AT THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Association of the Mission Homes for Young Englishwomen in Paris, a gratifying state of things was reported. There had been more than 400 admissions to the establishment during the year, and nearly 1,000 applications for governesses and servants been made in connection with the Free Registry. The Bible Class and weekly Prayer Meetings had been well attended, and there was a decided increase in the members of the Young Women's Christian Association. As regards finance, the year, which began with a deficit of more than 5141, ended with a balance in hand of 2381. The payments by inmates of the home amounted to 7731. amounted to 773%.

Messrs. Moody and Sankey have transferred their mission operations from Battersea to Stratford, where the hall used for the Stepney Mission has been erected for their services, and where they will remain until the 11th of February.



ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA COMPANY.—The season of opera given at Covent Garden by the company which has assumed this title, will come to an end this week, after a trial extending over one month. The experiment is not likely to be repeated under similar conditions. The orchestra and chorus were wholly insufficient for so large a theatre, and although many of the artists had already achieved well-deserved celebrity on the English stage, the general standard of the performances was distinctly lower than might reasonably be expected at the greatest opera house in this country. Since we last wrote, the Lily of Killarney has been mounted, with Madame Julia Gaylord as Eily O'Connor; and Balfe's Satanella was revived on Saturday last. It has erroneously been reported that Satanella had not been performed in London for fifteen years, but it was certainly given at the Gaiety in 1875, during the season directed by Madame Blanche Cole and Mr. Sidney Naylor. It is by no means the strongest of Balfe's musical works, and the libretto, if such it may be called, is, like most opera books of that date, almost beneath criticism. Indeed, its chief title to such transient popularity as it may from time to time boast, lies in the fact that the opera contains that beautiful melody, "The Power of Love." This was admirably sung by Madame Rose Hersee on Saturday; but the performance as a whole suffered greatly from want of adequate rehearsal. of adequate rehearsal.

Burns Concert.—The "gathering of the clans" on the Burns birthday night, at St. James's Hall, was a remarkable one. The cheaper parts of the house were crowded soon after seven, and to while away the time the audience began to sing Scottish songs in parts, in surprisingly excellent fashion. The audience supplied the chorus to Mr. Sims Reeves' admirable delivery of "Should auld acquaintance," and the singing of "Annie Laurie" was likewise practically transferred from the platform to the auditorium. The Glasgow Select Choir, under Mr. James Allan, came from the commercial capital of Scotland expressly for the concert, which was attended by about 2,400 people, or about one-fifth more than St. James's Hall is supposed to hold.

English Operas in Germany

ENGLISH OPERAS IN GERMANY.—Mr. Mackenzie's opera, Colomba, was produced for the first time on the Continent at Hamburg, on Sunday last. From one who was present we learn that the performance was by no means a satisfactory one. Frau Sucher, who will shortly leave for Vienna, was admirable in the title character, but the director had refused the composer permission to conduct, and the scenery and dresses were of the shabbiest description. The prospects of Colomba had, it seems, been subordinated to those of another English opera, Dr. Villiers Stanford's Savonarola, which will be produced at Hamburg in about three weeks, for the first time on any stage.

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POPULAR CONCERTS.—Schubert's octet attracted but a small audience on Monday, despite a most admirable performance, in which Madame Néruda, Messrs. Ries, Holländer, Lazarus, Wendland, Wotton, Reynolds, and Piatti took part. This was the eighteenth performance of this beautiful work at Mr. Chappell's concerts, although, owing to the difficulty of obtaining the full score of the octet, the andante in C with variations, and the minuet and trio, which form respectively the fourth and fifth movements, have only thrice been heard here. Miss Krebs played Bach's "Prelude and Fugue à la Tarantella" in A minor, and, for an encore, Mendelssohn's posthumous "Moto Perpetuo." On Saturday Fibich's quartet in E minor was repeated. Next Monday Miss Agnes Zimmermann will introduce a genuine novelty in a pianoforte sonata, in D flat, by Dr. Villiers Stanford.

OPERATIC ARTISTS IN AMERICA.—Madame Patti has decided to sail for London in May. But she will in all probability not take part in any opera season; and she has been offered 1,000%, per night to sing at a limited number of concerts here.—Madame Christine Nilsson will not return; and although Mr. Abbey has not yet definitely accepted the renewal of the lease of the Metropolitan Opera House, offers have been made for the re-engagement of Mesdames Nilsson, Sembrich, and Scalchi; MM. Capoul and Del Puente. Among other candidates for this opera house are said to be Mr. Charles Mapleson and Signor Campanini.—Madame Valleria will return here, and proposes henceforward to devote herself to concerts, owing doubtless to the success she gained in oratorio at the Handel and the Leeds Festivals.—Madame Trebelli will likewise return to England.—A dispute has occurred between Madame Gerster and Mr. Mapleson, because, it is said, the manager refused to announce for Gerster nights the higher price of admission charged when Madame Patti sings. It is, however, likely that the matter will be arranged. But the prospects of Italian opera, next season, in the United States are at present exceedingly doubtful.

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THREE CHOIRS FESTIVAL.—The following artists have been engaged for the Worcester Festival, which will commence September 9: Mesdames Albani, Patey, and Enriquez, Miss Anna Williams, Messrs. Lloyd, Newth, Santley, and Brereton. The programme will include Mr. C. H. Lloyd's new cantata Hero and Leander, Dvorák's Stabat Mater, Gounod's Redemption, Bach's Cantata for Pentcost, Spohr's Christian's Prayer, Schubert's Song of Miriam, Mendelssohn's St. Paul, and Handel's Messiah. Mr. Carrodus will lead the orchestra and Mr. Done will conduct.

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WAIFS.—Messrs. Gye and Harris have, it is said, resolved not to renew their mutual arrangement, so that after this year Drury Lane will be available for Italian, German, or other operas.—The Prince of Wales has fixed February 12th as the date of the next Smoking Concert to be given by the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society.—Sir Julius Benedict, who has been ill, is now convalescent.—Herr Joachim is expected in London in a fortnight.—The new great organ was "opened" at Leeds Parish Church, on Tuesday, by Mr. W. T. Best, of Liverpool.—The Princess Ida, by Gilbert and Sullivan, will be performed for the first time in the provinces, at Glasgow, on Monday. It will probably be produced at New York on the same day.—The death is announced in Paris of Madame Sarolta, once a popular opera singer in London. On her

marriage with M. Devoyod, the French baritone, she lest the stage, and devoted herself to teaching.—The Abbé Liszt is reported to have finished his new oratorio St. Stanislas, portions of which were performed last year at Weimar.—Mr. Charles Hallé, who was suddenly attacked with colic on Wednesday while conducting at Liverpool, is, it is stated, only temporarily indisposed, and it is hoped he will be able to resume his duties after a few days' rest.

SCENES IN AND AROUND SAN FRANCISCO.

"A CHINESE LOTTERY."—Thinking a visit to a Chinese lottery might be sufficiently interesting to repay the trouble of going, I was taken to one of the branches of the lottery frequented by white people. Entering at a small cigar and candy shop, after a scrutiny by the Chinaman in charge, we were passed through behind a curtain, and another Chinaman received us, pulled: a string which opened a rough-made door, and we found ourselves in an atmosphere reeking with bad odours of various sorts in a poorly-lit small room, crowded with some twenty or thirty people who were eagerly making their various investments in the tickets of their favourite company. Each of the six Chinese companies have their own lottery, drawings made twice a day, and prizes paid same day. On the table were piles of tickets, each pile having the trade mark or stamp of the company to which it belonged on the top. The tickets are about six inches square, and have eight rows of Chinese numbers marked on them, each row containing ten numbers. At noon and four o'clock the drawing, which is kept very secret, takes place at the central office. Most of the people attending are of the lower classes, and all ages and countries are represented, from the boy to the old man, and from the Irishman to the negro. Every now and then the police make a raid, but the lotteries exist in different parts of the city, and do a good business.

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"Chinese Fishing Village."—Hearing that in the vicinity there were a number of villages which were entirely peopled by Chinamen, I took the boat from Petaluma to Pablo Bay, and on landing found myself in a Chinese colony of about 1,400, which was scattered in several little villages, about a quarter or half-amile apart. The country there was very barren, and belonged to a man called McNair, and he suddenly found it the means nevertheless of giving him a good income, as the Chinese came and by Chinamen, I look the boat from Petaluma to Pablo Bay, and on landing found myself in a Chinese colony of about 1,400, which was scattered in several little villages, about a quarter or half-amile apart. The country there was very barren, and belonged to a man called McNair, and he suddenly found it the means nevertheless of giving him a good income, as the Chinese came and commenced fishing there; he made them pay a dollar a head a month, so that as during the great part of the year the population is from 800 to 1,400, he does very well. Most or all of the houses were very miserable shanties; there being hardly any women in the place. Fish in great numbers were lying in various stages of freshness, dying, or decomposition, a great proportion being very small young fish. Many of the fish were allowed to dry, and were afterwards packed up and sent to China. One white man and his family resided there and looked after the rents, which required collecting monthly.

"A Break-down in the Redwoods" was an incident I saw in Guerneville. A team was hauling a large log over one of the bridges, when the bridge gave way. As it blocked the road, several teams came up, one after the other, and at last some fifteen or twenty, mostly with four or more horses, were kept standing, one behind the other. About twenty or more horses, were kept standing, one behind the other. About twenty or more horses, and trying with their weight to help to get the wheel out of where it had sunk in, they at last managed to get it off.

"Setting a Trap for a Panther,"—One day, whilst taking a walk in the neighbourhood of the little cottage I was using as a studio at Vichy Springs (California). I came across the carcase of an Angora goat, which was most carefully covered with dead leaves. A little inspection showed, here and there, on the damp ground distinct marks of the paw of a panther. As I noticed the animal had been killed apparently only a few hours, and was only partly devouved, I procured a trap, and also poisoned the body. The trap was

wood trees were used in its construction, the tree being left standing about twenty feet above the ground.

"Washing Days," a scene often seen in the country, where white and Chinese helps are both busily and amicably employed over the washtub.

"Making a Clearing in the Woods" is a scene that, in the lumber country, is daily and nightly to be seen on all sides, the idea being naturally to burn down useless trees, and also to get rid of the brush, waste branches, and useless logs lying in the woodcutters' way. The fires are kept burning several days; in fact, it often takes three or four days to burn away a large dead stump.

"A Sketch in Chinatown."—Here we see the preparations for a Chinese festivity, fire crackers, and lanterns hanging in all directions, being the principal attractions.

FEMALE SUFFRAGE does not seem to be highly appreciated, even when won after a hot battle. At a recent election in Vermont, U.S., where women were allowed to vote, only eight out of 314 went to the poll.

THE RECENT VOLCANIC ERUPTION IN JAVA

The subjoined copies of official charts show the tremendou character of the recent volcanic eruption in Java, and in particula the alterations made in the navigation of the Sunda Straits. Amongs other changes, it will be seen that a great portion of Krakatoa ha disappeared, and that two new islands have been thrown up

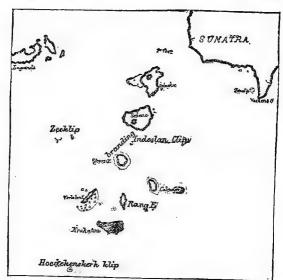


Diagram No. I.

("Steers" and "Calmeiger"). Diagram No. I is the fac-simile of a provisional chart, made by the Netherlands Government since the disaster, and for which the proprietors of the Queenslander—whence we engrave both maps—were indebted to Captain Frederick West, of the R.M.S. Buccleugh. It will be seen that the channel

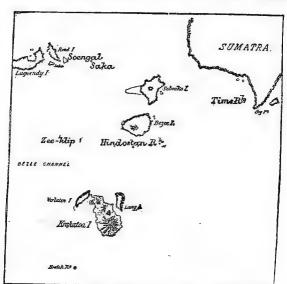
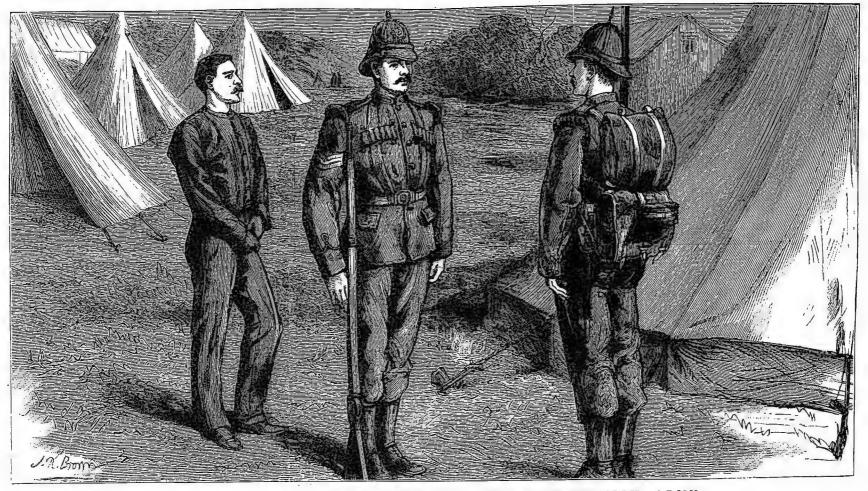


Diagram No. II.

eastward of Krakatoa Island is unchanged. Diagram 2 is a fac-simile of the British Admiralty Chart, showing Krakatoa before the Eruption. The different spelling of the names in the two maps may be accounted for by the fact that one is a Dutch and the other an English chart.



THE little play entitled Comedy and Tragedy, which was produced on Saturday evening at the Lyceum Theatre, has avowedly been written by Mr. Gilbert to enable Miss Anderson to bring to a practical test the question whether she is able to depict powerful emotions, and to move the spectator in situations approaching closely to the complexion of tragedy. With this view the story is skilfully conceived. Clarice, the French actress, whom Miss Anderson represents, is invited by the Minister Dubois and other of her fashionable guests to improvise an entertainment at the very moment when, as she alone of the company is aware, her husband, whom she tenderly loves, is fighting in the garden a duel with the Duc d'Orleans. As she dares not reveal her secret she is compelled to make an effort to entertain her company, and thus in an admirably written passage she portrays the life of the player, now personating a beggar, now a courtier, now a miser, and so forth. Suddenly a cry of distress is heard without; then the actress, fearing that her husband is wounded, suddenly breaks down, discloses the true position of affairs, and entreats help; but all in vain. The spectators simply applaud at what is taken for a new phase of simulated passion until slowly the conviction comes upon them that she is in earnest, and the door being unlocked her husband enters, pale but unharmed. What shades of emotion such a situation involves will easily be perceived; still more subtle is the imperceptible melting of the real into the unreal, while the whole is steadily working to a climax. To say that Miss Anderson attained in all this a level of ideal perfection, would be to say that she is an actress of the highest tragic power. Such an actress she is not; but her performance was nevertheless powerful and impressive, while it exhibited no common art in the contrast of lighter and graver moods. Something must be allowed for the disturbing influences of a first performance in the presence of a distinguished and a critical audience; but, in spite o



THE PROPOSED NEW KAHKI UNIFORM FOR THE BRITISH ARMY



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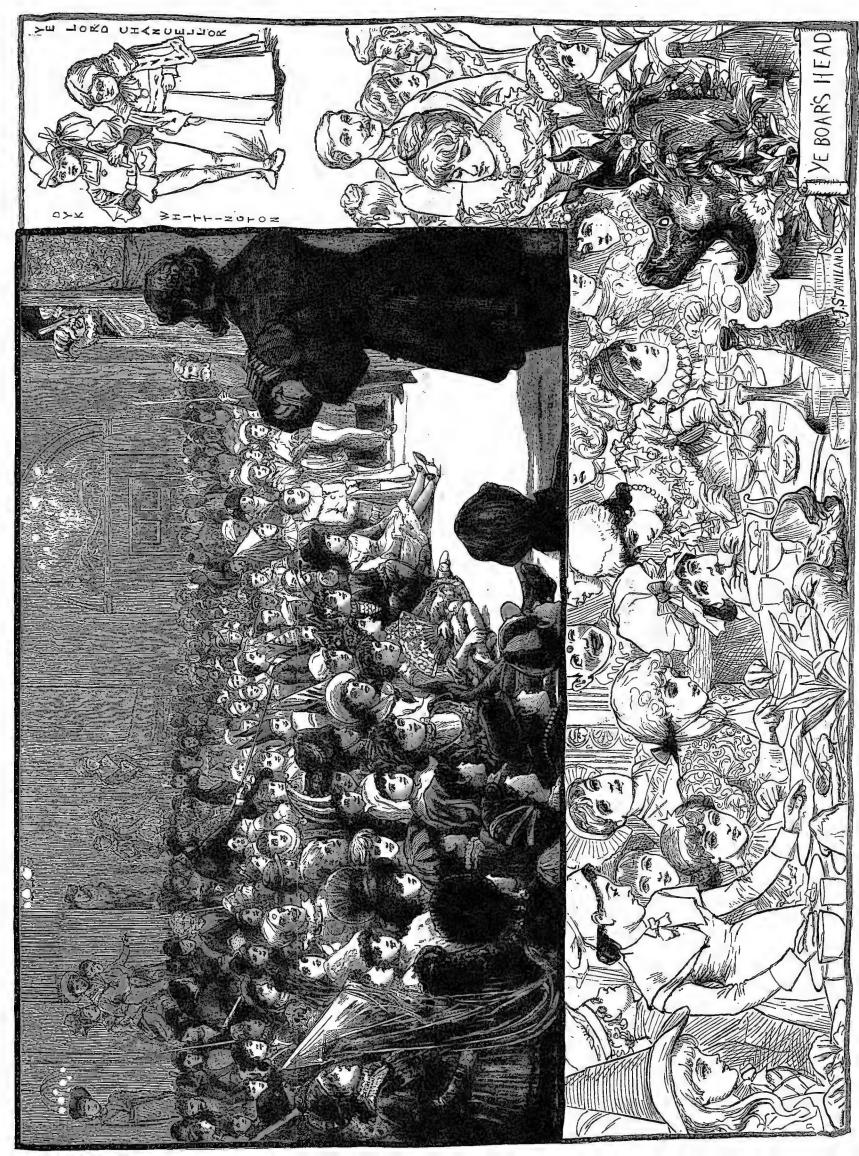
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PRESENTATION OF PLATE TO SIR FREDERICK LEIGHTON, P.R.A., ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE ACTIVE COMMAND OF THE ARTISTS' (20TH MIDDLESEX) R.V.



powder has caused quite an agitation among the learned. Mr. Lewis Wingfield, who has had the sole charge of the artistic details of Comedy and Tragedy, is so confident that powder was not worn in France under the Regency of the Duke of Orleans, that he apologises for having taken the liberty of powdering the wigs of two young dandies in the play. Mr. Clarkson, the wigmaker, who has provided Miss Anderson with the auburn wig with towering curls which she wears on this occasion, is equally confident that the period (about 1718) was a powderless one. On the other hand, a passage has been discovered in one of the letters of the celebrated Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, written in Paris in October, 1718, wherein that observant writer describes the French ladies as wearing their hair "cut short, and loaded with powder that makes it look like white wool." This seems conclusive on the point. Perhaps we may be forgiven for saying that the passion for "correctness" in costume seems nowadays carried to rather pedantic lengths. After all, something must be allowed for common sense in such matters, as is shown by the circumstance that Mr. Wingfield has been compelled to dispense with the "paniers" of the period, those enormous contrivances for extending the skirts both to right and left, which were in universal use among fine ladies in France at the period of Mr. Gilbert's play.

The new play in rehearsal at the Court Theatre is, as yet, without a name. Its author is an American writer, Mr. Brander Matthews; who some time since published an interesting little volume on the subject of modern French dramatists.

Messrs. Planquette and Farnie's new comic opera, Nell Gwynne, will be produced at the Avenue Theatre on Thursday next.

Messrs. Sims and Pettitt's popular drama, In the Ranks, was played on Thursday evening for tooth time.

To-day (Saturday) Miss Minnie Palmer gives the first morning performance of My Sweetheart at the STRAND Theatre. Next Saturday begins a series of morning performances in which My Sweetheart will altern



The Turf.—Most excellent acceptances have come to hand for the chief Spring Handicaps, and it is satisfactory to find that the great majority of the heavily-weighted animals have cried "content." For the Lincolnshire Handicap Cosy, Energy, Boulevard, and Montroyd have already been backed; and Geheimniss, the top weight, Sweetbread, and Elzevir for the City and Suburban; but we shall not have the market at all setiled for a week or more to come. Marc Antony, Mohican, and Chancery are the nominal favourites for the Grand National.—After all, Lord Ellesmere's horses are to be trained by young John Dawson, at Queensbury Cottage, Newmarket. His lordship has carried himself wisely and with dignity under the painful and delicate circumstances of the suspension of his trainer's, Charles Archer's, licence,—The total amount realised on the sale of the late Count Lagrange's stud was 13,734. Archiduc, who would now have been first favourite for the Derby, had it not been for the death of his nominator, was to have become the property of Baron Alphonse de Rothschild for 6,000., but the deal has been cancelled, it is said, owing to the veterinary certificate admitting the existence of a spavin which might interfere with his training.—It is rumoured that Count Tasselo Festetics was anxious to buy all Lord Falmouth's horses in training by private treaty. His lordship, however, feels bound to submit them to open competition as announced.—More satisfactory reports come to hand of the condition of Mr. Hwfa Williams.

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COURSING.—Another Great Champion Stakes, with 1,000% for the first and 400% for the second dog, has been contested at Kempton Park. There seems to have been some little difficulty in getting animals to fill the nominations, but still a very fair class eventually was seen in the field, although some of the cracks of the profession were held in reserve for Waterloo. In the first round most of the favourites held their ground, but it was very different in the second, when most of the odds "on" were upset. The last four left in were all comparative outsiders on the day of the draw, and the "dividers" of the first and second prizes were quoted at 25 to 1 and 45 to 1. These were Mr. Miller's Manager (nominated by Mr. Bell-Irving), and Mr. Stone's Sea Pilot; and it was a matter for satisfaction that such leading coursers, who spare neither time nor money to produce first-rate animals, were successful. Both these gentlemen have something better in their kennels for the Waterloo Cup, and hence naturally divide the favouritism for that event with Mr. Osborne and Mr. Morrison. It may be noted that more than half the hares coursed during the meeting managed to escape the dogs, and some ran clean from one end to the other of the "enclosed" ground without being once "turned." Whatever objections there may be to the system of "enclosed" coursing, that of cruelty to the hares has no foundation whatever as contrasted with that of coursing in the open. This time last year the writer of these Notes was present at Kempton, and out of 127 courses only 41 hares were killed, while shortly afterwards, at the Waterloo Meeting, 77 were killed out of 104.—At a sale of greyhounds on Saturday, Sea Pilot realised 290 guineas, and Snowflight, the winner of one Waterloo and "runner-up" in another, 500 guineas.

FOOTBALL.—The Football Association Committee have dis

AQUATICS.—The sculling match on Monday between Bubear

and Elliott showed the former to be the best man we have now in training, and it is quite on the cards that he may become equal to the giants of olden days. After rowing a stern chase for some distance he went ahead, and won as he liked. His prospects in the coming match with Wallace Ross, from whom he receives ten seconds start look well. coming match with W seconds start, look well.

PEDESTRIANISM.—Without seeming any the worse for his exertions, the doctors for a second time having certified that physically he is in a healthy and normal condition, Weston on Tuesday last completed 3,000 out of his task of 5,000 miles. He has now covered a distance longer than any hitherto achieved under similar conditions to those attached to his journey.

ANGLING.—Another very sensational take of pike is to be put on record. Mr. Sachs, of the Piscatorial Society, and a friend, fishing in private water, have landed between 450 lbs. and 500 lbs. weight, the largest fish, scaling over 20 lbs., falling to Mr. Sachs.

A BOWLING-GREEN FOR SEFTON PARK, LIVERPOOL.—Liver-

A BOWLING-GREEN FOR SETTON PARK, LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool bowlers will be glad to hear that a site for a green has been kindly granted by the Parks Committee. A club under distinguished patronage has been formed, styled the Secton Park Bowling Club, and already over sixty have enrolled their names. The committee are in hopes that the green will be ready on or before the 1st May. committee ar the 1st May.



MR. JUSTICE A. L. SMITH has held a second maiden assize in Rutlandshire. Presented at Oakham with a pair of white gloves by the High Sheriff, his lordship congratulated the Grand Jury, and hoped that the experience of the last two assizes would be repeated in the form. in the future.

A MEETING chiefly of members of the Bar was held in the Old Hall at Lincoln's Inn, and addressed by Sir Arthur Hobhouse, Mr. Bidder, Q.C., and others, on behalf of the objects of the Charity Organisation Society, with a view to the formation of a district committee. Resolutions approving of them were agreed to. One of the speakers remarked that to members of the Bar, whose training tended exclusively to the development of the intellectual side of our nature, the work of the Society would afford a complementary training on the moral side, which would enable them to sympathise with and wisely help the poor and suffering.

IT IS SAID that some of her relatives intend to contest, one of the grounds being the want of testamentary capacity, the will of Mrs. Stapleton-Bretherton, whose death and munificence to the Roman Catholic Church were recently chronicled in our obituary, and among whose bequests was said to have been a sum of 400,000% to the Pope. A MEETING chiefly of members of the Bar was held in the Old

IN THE NOTORIOUS BREACH OF PROMISE CASE Miller v. Joy, the Divisional Court having refused to set aside the verdict of the jury on the alleged ground that the damages, 2,500%, were excessive, the defendant appealed. The Court of Appeal have refused to disturb the decision of the Divisional Court, holding that the amount of the damages was a matter for the jury to decide. In delivering judgment the Master of the Rolls said that on the part of the defendant there had been a most mean, malignant, and injurious breach of promise.

IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE DISCLOSURE mentioned in this column last week, that eleven out of twelve of the jury had agreed on a verdict of acquittal, the Treasury decided not to carry any further the prosecution of Woolf and Bondurand, charged with the unlawful possession of explosives at Westminster. They have accordingly been released without a second trial.

accordingly been released without a second trial.

At the Central Criminal Court, on Wednesday, Robert Plumpton, a waterside labourer in Southwark, was tried for the murder of his wife, who, as previously mentioned in this column, was in the habit of spending on drink the money given her by her husband for household purposes, and had even pawned their bedclothes to procure it. The jury found him "Guilty," but most strongly recommended him to mercy on account of the great provocation which he seemed to have received. In passing sentence of death, Mr. Justice Hawkins said that this recommendation would be at once communicated to the Home Secretary.



POULTRY KEEPING is undoubtedly on the increase in England, though new-laid eggs in London cost half-a-crown a dozen at the beginning of February, and a month ago cost three-and-sixpence. We gave, a fortnight back, a poultry record which struck us as a very favourable one, and it therefore is good news which "A Subscriber of Nine Years' Standing" imparts, in announcing a larger yield of eggs from the same breed (Minorcas) than that about which we had the earlier information. Our second correspondent confirms and supports our recommendations as to food, suggesting, however, the addition of a little hot meal in the morning, with a small quantity of Thorley's Food in it. To the statement that exceptionally good results were obtained in a yard of 180 superficial feet area, and without any grass run, we can only reply that still better results might have followed had the fowls had a grass run; but we admit that the grass run is of the most importance for chicks.

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LORD CARINGTON, addressing his agricultural neighbours on his return from America, was unable to offer much hope to English wheat growers. His lordship showed an ear of seven-bearded wheat which he had brought back with him, and which was from a crop that had produced 100 bushels to the acre. It was not over the whole continent of America that they were able to grow 100 bushels to the acre, but there were certainly vast areas of extraordinarily fertile land. He had seen wheat straw six feet four inches high, and looking more like cane than anything else. His lordship might have added that when the United States grow only thirteen bushels to the acre they have twenty million quarters as an exportable surplus.

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Sussex Farmers.—The members of the Sussex Association r the Improvement of Agriculture met at Brighton on Monday, he financial statement showed that last year's subscriptions

amounted to considerably over 700%, and that there now was a balance in hand of about 250%. During the past three years the Association had carried on various experiments at five stations in the county, the object being to determine the ingredients absolutely necessary in plant-food, and the most economical kind of artificial manure which would supply the deficiency in the various soils. It was resolved to make further experiments during the ensuing season, and the meeting was adjourned for a month, in order to see if subscriptions would warrant the committee hiring a whole farm.

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CART HORSES.—Two great Shows of cart horses will be held this month, and through an unfortunate rivalry, on the very same days, viz., 25th, 26th, and 27th of February. Hitherto the Glasgow Show has been held a week before the London Exhibition, which has given horse-breeders an opportunity of attending both, and comparing notes. A suggestion was made that the date of the Glasgow Show should be altered, or rather should be kept to its old period of a week before the London Show. But the Glasgow Agricultural Society "did not see their way," and so the dates clash.

THE SIZE OF CATTLE.—It has frequently been remarked, says a writer under a well-known pseudonym, that our cattle are decreasing. Need we wonder at that? We have heard the same remark with reference to herds and flocks, where the object has been to decrease the size, and here the superficial observer is at fault. The height of the animal has been dwarfed by reducing the leg in length, but the carcase is both broader, deeper, longer, leading to the remark: "Beef down to the hocks." This is true improvement, for here breeders have got a heavier carcase weight and earlier maturity, both as to breeding and feeding, with 2 less consumption of food.

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THE CLEVELAND BAY HORSE has recently been seen at a diminishing number of Shows even in the North of England, out of which district the horse has become nearly extinct. Deploring this threatened loss of a fine old type, a large number of Clevelard and Durham farmers and landowners met last week at Stockton to form a society for preserving the Bay Cleveland and for opening a stud book. After some discussion, resolutions were passed in favour of the objects of the meeting, and a committee of twenty-four gentlemen was appointed to form a society, to which support has already been promised by Lords Feversham, Zetland, and Cathcart, by the Right Hon. James Lowther, and by Sir J. W. Pease, M.P.

SCOTLAND.—We hear from the North that the aspect of the meadows is as forward now as in ordinary years at Easter. The grass has not only kept green during the past months, but it has actually grown. Cattle and sheep have accordingly cost far less to keep than in other winters. Turnips, a small crop to begin with have swollen astonishingly, but they are still under average. The mild weather, however, has retained the tops in a verdant form, and so rendered them fit for food to young stock or dairy cows. The autumn-sown wheat has a very luxurious braird, and in some fields is so thick that farmers think of giving it a touch of the harrow.

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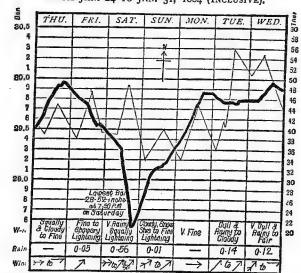
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MISCELLANEOUS. —— A correspondent informs us that a ringdove now alive at Newton Abbot is nearly twenty-two years old. The age attained by the ringdove has ordinarily been given at twelve for a maximum of longevity. We had one which would accompany us to the railway station for a mile in short flights on the hedges along our route, and come to us at a call on arriving at the station, where she would be put in our pocket, to be carried to town on a day's visit.—A pony has just died at Keswick, having attained the remarkable age of thirty-seven years.—"A Poor Farmer" complains that eleven per cent. of his earnings on milk sales are taken by the Great Western Railway carrying it thirty-five miles, so that the margin for a good profit is converted into actual loss.

WEATHER CHART FOR THE WEEK FROM JAN. 24 TO JAN. 31, 1884 (INCLUSIVE).



EXPLANATION.—The thick line shows the variations in the height of the barometer during the past week ending Wednesday midnight. The fine line shows the shade temperature for the same interval, and gives the maximum and minimum readings for each day, with the (approximate) time at which they occurred. The information is furnished to us by the Meteorological Office.

REMARKS.—The weather during this period has been rough and unsettled over the whole country. The heavy gales of the preceding night were followed on Thursday (24th ult.) by fine, clear weather, with a bracing north-westerly wind. In the course of Friday (25th ult.) a small depression passed over England, and during the night produced severe gales from the westward and south-westward at some of our southern stations. The most serious gales of the week, however; were those which occurred on Saturday (26th ult.), when the centre of a very deep disturbance passed across Scotland in a north-easterly direction. During its passage the barometer at midnight at Aberdeen stood at the remarkably low, level of 2740 inches. Towards the close of the day the wind raged with the exceptional force of a "storm" over nearly the whole country. In England and Ireland it blew from the south-west and west, while over Scotland it was from the south-east or east. An interval of quiet weather now ensued, to be followed on Tuesday night (29th ult.) by an increase of wind, which (in London) reached the force of a fresh gale. The rapid fall in the barometer, shown so clearly in the above diagram, was owing to the important depression of Saturday (26th ult.). Rainfall has been very general, the largest quantities falling in the west. Hail, snow, and lightning have also been reported from many places. The barometer was highest (2979 inches) on Wednesday (30th ult.); lowest (2852 inches) on Saturday (26th ult.); range, rage, rase inches on Sunday and Monday (27th and 28th ult.); range, 222 naches on Sunday and Monday (27th and 28th ult.); range, 222 naches on Sunday and Monday (27t



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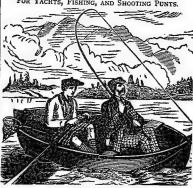
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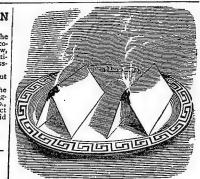
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CHAPTER V. MR. ANTONY HILYARD

When Mr. Antony Hilyard first came to us, as tutor to my brothers, he was a young man of twenty-one or twenty-two, not long from Oxford. He brought with him letters recommendatory, in which his learning was greatly commended, and was sent to us by Mr. Ferdinando Forster, who heard of him through some Parliament friend as a young man desirous of entering a gentleman's family as Tutor, in the hope of becoming Chaplain, and perhaps rising in the Church. Although a young man of great accomplishments and vast knowledge, he left his University without obtaining a degree, which was strange if any one had thought of inquiring into the cause; as for so learned a scholar coming to take a tutor's place in a gentleman's house, that was nothing, because he was only the son of a vintner, and born in a place called Barbican, London. Such a place of honourable service, especially when the Master is so casy a gentleman as my father, is one which all young men of his birth and parts should desire, though some, as Mr. Hilyard hath himself often told me, go to London, and there court Fortune as poets, playwights, translators, writers of vamped-up travels, compilers of sermons for such of the clergy as lack the ability to compose them, and such work, which is, I am informed, as poorly paid as it is miserable, and beneath the consideration of a man who values his own dignity. Mr. Hilyard could write and speak both the French and Italian tongues, he was, besides, familiar with Latin, Greek, Hebrew, and Chaldæan; he was skilled in many branches of the mathematics; he could play on the spinet with great ease and dexterity; he was an excellent geographer, and could discourse for hours upon a mappa mundi, or chart of the world; he could tell the stars and their courses; he could converse with intelligence and to the edification of his hearers on almost any subject, being equally at home in Peru and in London; knowing the Hottentots and Japanese as well as he knew the London Scowrers; and even in matters connected with agriculture or hous

that he was skilful in the art of fencing, and that here he found Tom an excellent pupil.

It was impossible for any young man to be more grave, and even solemn, in his bearing and conversation; when Mr. Forster invited him to drink with his friends, which he sometimes did, he was seldom greatly overcome with liquor, and even at his worst preserved his gravity; he displayed none of the disposition to levity, gallantry, profane talk, and impious scoffing which is manifested by so many young men of the present day; no woman's reputation suffered by any act or word of his; no Bishop could have been more blameless in his daily life.

It shows the strength of youthful impressions that, although I know so much better, I can never now think upon Virtue without there instantly appearing before my eyes the short squab figure of Mr. Hilyard. He wears a brown coat, and he has no ruffles to his shirt; his face is round; his nose broad, and a little upturned; his lips are full and mobile; his eyes are large and full; it is neither the figure nor the face of a grave and learned person, yet was he both grave and learned. Socrates, I have heard, was remarkable for a face of great plainness, and yet was a very learned philosopher. Nor was it a face which one would expect to find in a man of so religious and severe a turn as Mr. Hilyard. He always went to church first, so to speak, and came out of it last; his discourse was full of examples gathered from ancient sources, and learned authors recommending the practice of good works.

Conduct so blameless, gravity so singular, wisdom so remarkable, never before seen in a man so young, could not fail to command, before long, the confidence of all. Mr. Forster entrusted his most private affairs to the counsel of Mr. Hilyard; Madam carried her complaints to him as to one who would find redress; his pupil, who loved not books, obeyed him, was shamed out of his rusticity, and was kept by him from those follies by which young gentlemen in the country too often suffer in reputation and im

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"Come, sister," he cried; "come, Doll, quick. There is something worth looking at, I assure you."

He took my hand, and we ran into the village street, which was generally quiet enough at this time, but this evening there was a great noise of singing and laughing, and the playing of a fiddle. It came from the inn.

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"Mr. Hilyard with the players?"

"No other. Ho! Ho! Laughing and drinking and playing. Yes; you may open your eyes, Dolly, but there he is. No other than Mr. Hilyard! You never saw the like! Now, see; if he knows we are watching him he will stop. We can go to the back of the house, and so in at the kitchen door. Hush! Follow me, and don't speak or laugh."

We went on tiptoe into the kitchen of the inn, where the landlady was sitting. She held up her finger, screwed her mouth, nodded her head, and laughed, indicating by these gestures that something out of the common was going forward. She then gently opened the door which led into the best room—not that where the rustics sit on wooden settles and push the pot around, but that which is furnished with tables and chairs, used by gentlemen and the better sort. The company consisted of about a dozen—men and women, of various ages. They were not gentlefolk, yet they had an air very different from that of the country people. They were poorly dressed, yet had odds and ends of finery, one of the men wearing a scarlet coat and laced hat, planted sideways on his great wig, and cocked like an officer; another with tattered lace ruffles; a third with a ragged coat of drugget, and yet a fine flowered waistcoat. As for the women, there were five, of whom one was old, two others middle-aged, two young. One of the last was pretty, after a bold and impudent fashion, having great eyes, which she rolled about, and large, comely arms. She was dressed very finely, as if she was about to mount the stage, with a silk petticoat (but soiled) and satin frock looped up, and she wore a low commode upon her head. A bright fire was burning, though the night was not cold; a pair of

face and twistings of his body was—Oh; wonder of wonders, and who could have believed it?—no other than Mr. Antony Hilyard.
"See him!" whispered Tom. "Oh the pious and religious man!"
Indeed, I hardly recognised him, so changed he was. Why, he had given, somehow, a martial air to his wig; his face was twice as long as usual; his eye was stern; he wore the air of a commander-in-chief; he carried his left hand upon his hip as one who is a Marshal or Prince at the head of his army. And he was at least six inches taller. How a man can change at will his face, his stature, and his appearance passeth my understanding. (Nota bene.—The girl, Jenny Lee, was sitting in the corner of the room with her great black eyes wide open and her mouth agape; but of her I thought nothing, so stupefied was I with the transformation of Mr. Hilyard.)
He beckoned to the actress who wore the silk petticoat, and she laughed, sprang to her feet, and—can such things be possible?—she,

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too, became all in a moment changed, and became at once a great lady—a Princess or Countess, at least. Why—a moment before she was a common stroller of the company—and now—

"Pretty Bracegirdle herself—the fair, the chaste Celinda—could not look the part better," said Mr. Hilyard. "Now, frail Calista, for the lines." Then they began to recite verses, walking up and down with strange gestures and great vehemence, she sometimes sweeping across the floor as if she had whole yards of train behind her—he, as if clutching at a sword.

It was the scene in the Fair Penitent in which the unworthy Calista receives the vows of Altamont. He says, with a face full of exalted joy and looks of the most tender love—

Begone, dull cares, I give you to the winds
Far to be borne, far from the happy Altamont!
Calista is the mistress of the year:
She crowns the seasons with auspicious beauty,
And bids even all my hours be good and joyful.

To which she, repentant, though he knows not why, replies, hiding her head in her hands-

If I were ever mistress of such happiness, Oh! Wherefore did I play the unthrifty fool, And, wasting all on others, leave myself Without one thought of joy, to give me comfort?

"He is not drunk, Tom," I whispered, wondering; because at first I thought that must be Mr. Hilyard's condition. "It is beautiful. But what are they doing?"

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They had stopped, and gone on to another scene. Mr. Hilyard was now another character; his face expressed mingled emotions of scorn, pity, and sternness, while the actress declaimed the well-known lines beginning—

Is this the famous friend of Altamont?

After which came his turn, and he spoke like one who carries fate in his hand-

Alas! This rage is vain; for if your fame Or peace be worth your care, you must be calm And listen to the means are left to save 'em;

And so on—a strange wild scene of horror and reproach.
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and a swearing, with needless imprecations, that Wilks himself could not have played the part better, to which Mr. Hilyard replied, without any show or pretence of modesty, that indeed they were quite right, and that at Oxford he was always understood to be a great deal better actor than even that tragedian.

He then hoped the punch was to their liking, and begged them to fill their glasses again, which they very willingly did. "Gentlemen," he said, "I will now give you another taste of my quality. You shall see that we scholars of Oxford are not without parts."

He thereupon took off his full wig, and borrowed a worn bobtail from the oldest of the company, who was sitting by the fire, toasting his toes and drinking his punch, without taking any interest in what was doing. He might have been the father of the troop, and, I believe, was the father of some of them. Mr. Hilyard, then, borrowing this wig, put it on his own head; and, to be sure, a most ludicrous appearance he did present. Never did one imagine that a change of wig could make so great a difference in a man's appearance. His face became short again; his mouth was set askance; and he seemed laughing with his very eyes. "Why," whispered Tom, "whoever thought he could laugh at all? He has been with us five years, and never a smile till now!"

As the red firelight fell upon his face it seemed brimful of mirth, joy, and merriment, as if he could never do anything but laugh. His eyes swam with cheerfulness; there was no such thing as care in the whole world, one would have thought. Yet the same face that I knew so well, although now I seemed never to have known it before. Oh! figure of Virtue in a brown coat; and Piety with sober face, and Learning with decorous gravity, where art thou? The actors looked at him with admiration. Not one of them

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Next, Mr. Hilyard, still with this face of smiles, turned a chair down, and sat upon it as if upon a saddle. Then he folded his arms, and delivered an oration in verse, at which everybody laughed loud and long. For my own part, I saw nothing to laugh at, for the verses were all about everybody being an ass—a thing to make people cry, I should think, rather than laugh. The cit, they said, was an ass, the soldier was an ass, the lawyer was an ass, the sailor was an ass, and so forth. Perhaps the punch made the company the better disposed to laugh. When the speaker had finished, they all protested, with profane oaths, that Will Pinkiman himself had never given that epilogue better.

"Will Pinkiman, gentlemen!" cried Mr. Hilyard, getting off his chair. "A fig for Will Pinkiman! Why, though to be sure he hath some merit, where is his fire compared to mine?"

"Where indeed, sir?" repeated the fellow in the scarlet coat, with his tongue in his cheek. "A better than Will Pinkiman is here. I drink your health, sir."

"Gentlemen," said Mr. Hilyard, "an evening like this does one good. Believe me, I have never sung a single song, or played a single piece, for five years. In the North a man of my parts is truly wasted and thrown away."

"Come with us, sir," said the youngest actress, who had played Calista with him. "Sure a gentleman like your Honour would make a fortune on the boards."

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He then called for another bowl of punch to be got ready against the other's giving out, and taking up a fiddle which belonged to one of the company, he struck a chord or two, and began to play very sweetly. First he played the tune of "May Fair," then of "Cheshire Rounds," then "Come Lasses and Lads," and lastly he played "The Countryman's Delight." After which he laid down the bow, and looked about for applause, which came in thunders. "Why," whispered Tom, "I thought he could play none but Psalm tunes on the spinet."

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very well known, to which he said he would sing a little song of

his own composition.

"Lord!" Tom murmured, "he is going to sing next."

He did sing, having a very sweet, melodious, and powerful voice, not slurring his words as some singers use, for the sake of harmonising the tune, nor forgetting his tune in order to give more emphasis to his words, as is the way with others.

Sweet Amoret, 'tis you, I vow,
Whose soft, prevailing charms
Have bound my hopes of heaven now
To live within, to live within thine arms.

But if condemned by thy disdain,
And of thy smiles bereft;
Still let me nurse the tender pain,
Though no more hope, though no more hope, be left.

He stakes his all to win or lose, Who sets his hopes so high, And finds too late he cannot choose But still to love, but still to love—and die.

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"Mr. Tofts himself," said the fair Celinda (or frail Calista), wiping a tear—but I fear a false one—"could not have sung this song more sweetly, or more touched my heart."

Mr. Hilyard smiled as one who is superior even to Mr. Tofts, and said that, for a private man, not a professor of the Art, he thought he had sung his own foolish song indifferent well. But, oh! you may think of the surprise of the girl peeping through the door. He to sing a love song! Would skies drop next?

Now I was not so young or so ignorant but I could plainly see that whether Mr. Hilyard acted or sang well or ill, the company were fooling him for the sake of his punch. Also that they looked on with approval while the girl with the soiled silk petitocat and the large eyes plied their entertainer with praise, and kept filling

the large eyes plied their entertainer with praise, and kept filling his glass between the performances. After the song she said that she would like nothing so much as to rehearse with him a scene from the *Mourning Bride*, that she had all her life been looking for some gentleman, not a common actor, but a gentleman (here the from the Mourning Bride, that she had all her life been looking for some gentleman, not a common actor, but a gentleman (here the men grinned) who could not only give the lines with fire, but also look the part, and be as handsome in his person and courtly in his manner as Mr. Hilyard (here he stroked his chin and wagged his head and smiled). But, she said, taking out her handkerchief and weeping, unluckily, as all her friends present knew well, she could not afford a dress becoming to the part, and even had to play Queens and chambermaids in the same frock, so unhappy she was. The other women murmured, "Poor thing! and Gospel truth! and the Lord knows! But a kind gentleman!" The men took more whisky punch, and Mr. Hilyard, now a little flushed with praise and punch combined, and the girl's eyes, which were kept fixed upon him (so the cunning snake charms the silly coney), and her wheelling voice—for she had a very soft and winning voice—began to shed tears, too, out of compassion, and lugging out his purse, swore—could one believe that he should ever swear?—that she should make such an appearance on the stage as would show off her face and figure to the best advantage, and gave her two or three guineas out of his purse. She fell on her knees, calling him her preserver and her patron. The other women held up their hands, crying, "Oh! the generous gentleman! And this came of a feeling heart and of knowing what acting should be! And Heaven, surely, had its choicest blessings for one of so good a heart." But the men took more punch.

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"Oh Lord! oh Lord!" murmured Tom. "This after what he said to me only yesterday!"

The men tipped the wink to each other, and drank more punch. Then, as Mr. Hilyard showed no sign of any more acting, one of them, putting down his glass, began to sing a song, at which the women stopped their ears and the men began to laugh, and Tom dragged away his sister. And so an end of the most wonderful evening ever seen.

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"Now," cried Tom, "what do you think of Mr. Hilyard,
Dorothy?"

"Truly, Tom," I replied, "I know not what to think or to say."
"Nor I. Well, he has fooled us all; but we have found him out.
Why, if he had only told me before what he could do, what evenings should we have had in this dull old house! After all, there are only a few weeks to wait. Dorothy, breathe not a word to my father or to Jack."

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Amazed, indeed, I was that Mr. Hilyard, of all men, should perform these antics! As well expect the Bishop of Durham, Lord Crewe himself, that venerable Father of the Church, to stand up for the Cobbler's Dance, or the Vicar of Bamborough, a divine of great

the Cobbler's Dance, or the Vicar of Bamborough, a divine of great gravity, to grin through a horse-collar!

"In the morning," said Tom, who seemed as much delighted at the discovery as I was amazed and grieved (for surely it is sad to find folly in a wise man's mouth—oh! how often had he admonished us both out of Solomon's Proverbs!) "in the morning you shall see me smoke old Sobersides."

Well, in the morning, when I expected the poor man to appear crestfallen and full of shame, Mr. Hilyard came down exactly the same to look upon as usual, save that he seemed thirsty. To be sure, he knew not that he had been seen. Yet surely he must have remembered the foolishness of the night.

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"I have heard, sir," said Tom presently, looking as meek as a sheep, "that a company of players passed through the town last night."

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Mr. Hilyard replied that a report to that effect had also reached his ears. He then proceeded to pronounce an eulogium on the art of acting, which, he said, was in his opinion second only to the Divine gifts of poetry and music; that a man who was able to act should behave with modest gratitude for the possession of so great a quality; and he proceeded to give examples to prove the greatness of actors, from Roscius, who made a fortune of fifty millions of sesterces—a prodigious great sum, I suppose, though I know not how many guineas go to make a sesterce—unto Baron, the favourite of the Paris ladies.

"Have you yourself, sir," asked Tom, "witnessed the performance of a play in London?"

"It hath been my good fortune on many occasions," replied his Tutor, "to see the play both at Drury Lane and the Haymarket. Perhaps I may be permitted to witness that divine performance again before I die."

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"Though I knew not you had heard of these things, Tom."
"And in comic parts one Will Pinkiman, I have been told," said Tom, "is considered the best."
"He certainly is," replied Mr. Hilyard, with some surprise.
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"Could you, sir, give us any example or imitation of this ingenious man? One would like to know how Pinkiman, for instance, pronounced the comical epilogue seated on an ass, on which he had placed a wig."

Mr. Hilyard, somewhat disconcerted, changed colour, and drank off a pint or so of the small ale with which he made his breakfast. Then he hemmed solemnly, and replied gravely, "Such an imitation of the state of the small processing Tom that tion is not, indeed, beyond my powers. And I perceive, Tom, that thou hast heard something of yesterday evening, when I entertained

those poor but virtuous and ingenious people who passed the night at the inn. The art of acting was not included in the subjects which your father and Lady Crewe considered necessary for a gentleman. Therefore, I have abstained from ever speaking of it. Certainly it

your father and Lady Crewe considered necessary for a gentleman. Therefore, I have abstained from ever speaking of it. Certainly it is no more necessary than painting, playing an instrument, the art of sculpture, singing, carving, or any of the arts by which the daily life of the rich is embellished and in some countries the lives of the poor are made happy."

He then, with so much gravity that one could not but remember the merry face of last night, proceeded to discourse upon the genius for impersonating any character, and actually depicted before us, without leaving his chair, and simply by changing the expression of his face, and by various gestures of his hands, the emotions of pity, terror, awe, expectancy, resignation, wrath, revenge, submission, love, jealousy, and suspicion, and all so naturally, and with so much dignity, that we were awed, and when we expected to laugh, or to make the poor man ashamed, we were made ashamed ourselves.

He concluded by warning us that, if we chanced to see a man who possessed this genius performing a foolish or mean part, we must be careful not to confound the man with the character which he assumed; to remember that many illustrious persons, including the Grand Monarque himself, had figured in operas, ballets, comic pieces, and burlettas, not to speak of Nero, a great artist, though a superhuman monster, and Commodus; and to regard the stage as a fine school for virtue and good manners; although as yet, it must be owned, he said, that there was still—as regards Comedy—something to desire.

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"Who would think," said Tom, when he had concluded, and left us gaping at each other, "who would think that yesterday evening he was hugging and kissing the actress?"

Now this event happened a very short time before Tom came of age. He spoke no more about it to me, nor did Mr. Hilyard again discourse of acting. It was not till a week before his birthday that Tom opened upon the subject again.

"Dorothy," he said, "I have been thinking that for Mr. Hilyard to go away, when he hath become so useful to all of us, would be a great pity."

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"Why, silly, a man needs no Tutor or guardian when he is twenty-one years of age. As for you, we shall live together; but you will miss him more than I, especially when I am away with my friends."

"Oh, Tom, who will—" But here I stopped, because there were so many things that Mr. Hilyard did for us that I could not tell which to begin with.

"Who will keep the accounts-look after the cellar, the stables,

who win keep the accounts—look after the cenar, the stables, and the dogs, make my flies, read books with you, talk about the Romans, spout poetry, and—what, Dorothy?"

"Sing songs and play the fiddle, Tom?" I asked timidly, because I had never dared to ask Mr. Hilyard to repeat that pretty

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"And act like Will Pinkiman, and keep a whole room full of men in a continual laugh—who, Dorothy?"

"Why, no one, Tom."

"There is no one. I believe there is no one in all Eng and who can act, and play, and sing like Mr. Hilyard, demure as he looks, and purring like a cat all these years. Dorothy, if Madam had seen him!"

"Oh! Tom. Don't tell her."

"I am not going to tell her."

"I am not going to tell her. Now, listen, child, I have a plan, and I will tell thee what it is. He hath been with us so long that he knows our affairs and our most private concerns. I doubt not that he is honest, and his play-acting—did you ever see the like?"

Tom fell into a kind of reverie, and remained speechless for a while. Then he broke out into a great fit of laughter, and began to imitate Mr. Hilyard's face and speech (but at a long distance) when he sat upon the chair.

Your fighting ass is a Bully, Your sneaking ass is a Cit, Your keeping ass is a Cully, Your top prime ass is a Wit.

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"How well he did it, sister! I have thought it over, my mind is made up; I will ask him to stay with me. He shall be my secretary or clerk, the steward of my affairs, he shall keep my books for me and deal with my tenants. As for me, I shall ride, shoot, fish, and entertain my friends; in the evening, Mr. Hilyard shall have as much drink as he likes and shall sing, play, and act for the amusement of my company. I will give him, besides his meat and drink, five-and-thirty pounds a year in money."

On the twenty-first birthday there were rejoicings and a great feast held. Strange to see how Tom (who had, to be sure, been longing cagerly for this day) stepped into his place, no longer a minor, but now one of the gentlemen of the county. His head had been shaved, and he wore for the first time, but rather awkwardly, a beautiful full wig, the curls of which, hanging over his shoulders, greatly set forth the natural beauty of his features, and lent dignity to his appearance. He was also dressed in a purple coat with crimson lining, a white silk waistcoat, and scarlet leather shoes with gold buckles (they had belonged to Mr. Ferdinando), and he wore, for the first time, a sword. belonged to Mr. Ferdinando), and he wore, for the first time, a sword. "Now, Dorothy," he said, complacently, "I feel I am a man at last. Remember what I said about Mr. Hilyard."

Among those who offered their congratulations was the Tutor; but he wore a sad downcast countenance, because he looked for nothing less than to be sent away, his business being at last accomplished,

less than to be sent away, his business being at last accomplished, and his pupil now of age.

He laid down his office, he said, with as much regret as Seneca, once Tutor to the Emperor Nero. "But," he added, "my own worth falls as far short of that philosopher as my pupil's character surpasses that of Nero. Wherefore, in parting from so generous a patron, I have no other consolation than the recollection of faithful service in the cultivation of so fruitful a soil as the brain of Mr. Forster, and the hope of letters recommendatory which may obtain for me other adequately suitable employment."

"Truly, suitable," said Tom, laughing. Mr. Hilyard blushed, but the rest wondered. "As for parting," Tom went on, "there go two to make a parting. Why not stay with me?"

The poor Tutor, whose face had been growing longer day by day for two months, shook his head. "My occupation," he said, "is gone."

"As for occupation," Tom replied, "what say you to board and lodging, as much wine and punch as you can hold whenever there

lodging, as much wine and punch as you can hold whenever there is company, and five-and-thirty pounds a year?"
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"Why—that is the work, to eat and drink, and make merry."
"Mr. Hilyard to eat and drink, and make merry?" cried Madam. "Make merry? He?"
"Why," said Tom, "that is what we are asking him to do. He will be strange to it at first, I fear. But I warrant you, give him but a month, and you shall see a change indeed. He will then be able to sing like Mr. Tofts, act like Will Pinkiman, drink like—like any wan among us. play the fiddle. and—" "Is it possible, Mr. Hilyard?" asked my father. "Ho! ho! I believe no more in grave faces. This is indeed a hiding of lights beneath a bushel." For the Tutor hung his head, and looked

"If you want any other occupation," Tom continued, "there are

accounts to keep, tenants to reprove, my sister Dorothy to amuse, and, in fact, all the things you have done for the last five years."

"Your Honour means this seriously?" asked Mr. Hilyard.

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"Certainly I do."
"Then, sir"—his face lightened, and he looked round him with a cheerful smile—"I accept your generous offer gratefully. I a cheerful smile—"I accept your generous offer gratefully. I accept that the position and work of a Tutor have ever been distasteful to me, and I have only hidden those small accomplishments of mine because I feared they would be considered inconsistent with an almost sacred calling."
"Why, then, there is no more to say," cried Tom, "except to shake hands upon it."
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"Yenture, man."

"I should pray that I be not expected to go fox-hunting. I love not, in truth, to venture my neck for a thing I never see, and which if I were to get I should not want."

"That is granted," said Tom, laughing, because some of Mr. Hilyard's adventures on horseback had been ludicrous to the beholders Lut painful to himself.

"There is also one other thing," Mr. Hilyard continued, with a look, sideways, at myself of which I afterwards thought with a kind of pity. "A faithful steward wants the whole day for the management of your Honour's business and the occasions and services of Miss Dorothy. I would, with submission, ask that I be only invited to lay aside those duties in the evening, when I shall be always pleased to place my poor talents, such as they are, at the service of your Honour and your friends."

"My hand on't," said Tom, heartily, "and so, honest Tony"—he called him Tony on that day and ever afterwards. Yet hitherto he had never spoken to him except bareheaded as to a parent or superior, and called him always "Sir." So quickly does a young man change when he comes to his twenty-first year.

"So honest Tony, thou prince of brave topers, stay with me. Read your books with Missy all the day, but, by gad, all night you shall sing and drink your fill with the best company in the county."

"Are we dreaming?" cried Madam.

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Although it is some weeks too soon to think of spring attire, yet now that the dark days of winter are over we find our bonnets and hats begin to look shabby when the sun shines upon them, and as probably we shall have some cold weather late in the season, it is well to brighten up our wardrobes this month. We have seen some very pertly mid-eason bonnets and hats in the course of our tearmie for this month. A new shape which is universally becoming is "The Louve: " it will doubtless supersed the Henry II., which suited very few faces. A very stylish hat of this shape was made in brown velvet, with a profusion of brown shaded to gold feathers. Another stylish hat was of black Joulard, with a thick ruche edge, and on the front a large filagree gold butterfly. A bonnet of the new Princess-shape, which is not so close to the head as was the original, was made of brown fancy straw, trimmed with brown velvet and beads, pale pink roses and leaves. Of the same shape was a stylish and at the same time useful bonnet; the foundation was of black stain, over which was black net hand-worked in a pattern of black chenille, two rows of edging of chenille and net; on the left side a bouquet of pale yellow roses, with velvet leaves and ty. By changing the flowers this bonnet can be worn with a pattern of black chenile, two rows of edging of chenille and net; on the left side a bouquet of pale yellow roses, with velvet leaves and ty. By changing the flowers this bonnet can be worn with a pattern of black chenile, two rows of edging of chenille and net; on the left side a bouquet of pale yellow roses, with velvet leaves and ty. By changing the flowers this bonnet can be worn with a pattern of black flowers will answer for complimentary on the left side a bouquet of pale yellow roses, with velvet leaves and the state of the worn with ostrich feathers. A dainty little bonnet was a few flowers and the part of the state of the control of the part of t

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A very original toilette recently came from Paris. It was made of pale blue silk, white lace, and cream-white brocade, in designs of birds, in shaded velvet. The petticoat was arranged in alternate pleatings of silk and lace, put on in scallops, drapery of silk, and a wreath of pink roses with foliage; low, pointed bodice and train of brocade, a berthe of blue silk fastened with a knot on the right shoulder, and a bouquet of roses on the left.

As mourning is more than usually prevalent, in spite of the mild winter, we turned our attention to costumes for the various stages of mourning apparel. Very durable is the new material, crépe Impériale, which may be worn for the deepest mourning, and requires no other trimming than the material itself. A very elegant and dignified dress for a widow in the second stage of mourning was made with a tablier of crape appliqué, bunches of grapes in black pearls, train of rich black silk, with a deep border of crape; deep puffs at the waist. With this was to be worn either a Mary Stuart cap of white tulle dotted with seed pearls, and long lappets at the back, or in white tulle with two rows of large black beads. A new style of kilting has been recently introduced, which is done by a special machine, and has a very graceful effect. It is very fine and close, well adapted for soft silk, net, or muslin. A very handsome silk dress was made with these kiltings graduated on the front, a short tablier covered with jet beading, and finished at the edge with long bunches of grapes in jet; square train of corded silk. This costume may be worn with a high or a low bodice in or out of mourning.—A very rich material is Ottoman brocaded velvet—the foundation throws up the design. Another effective material for evening wear is jetted chenille. A very charming dress for complimentary mourning was in two shades of London smoke-colour; the square train and large bows were of the darker shade in ve

plush, frimmed with black lace and satin ribbon; this description cannot convey an idea of the beauty of this design. Another was of black satin, the front embroidered in grey shaded velvet geranium leaves, grey shaded ribbons to match. Black broché silk gown with a long train, the front and sleeves of velvet; cut steel buttons. An leaves, grey shaded ribbons to match. Black broché silk gown with a long train, the front and sleeves of velvet; cut steel buttons. An attractive little tea-gown for a young matron was of the finest white flannel, made with a blouse front to the bodice, and closely pleated folds from the waist to the hem. The back was gathered at the throat and waist; large gathered sleeves; trimmings and bows of black velvet fancy edged ribbon. This design looks well in black or grey cashmere.—Three very handsome opera mantles were—the one of white Sicilienne, lined with plush and trimmed with swansdown; another of cream and gold brocade, made with long square ends, and trimmed with marabout, lined with old gold satin; the third was of crèpe de Chine, trimmed with marabout, chenille, and tassels. All three were most luxurious wraps. Floss silk fringe is very much used for trimming mantles.

Some very pretty caps and headdresses for mourning were made thus: A cap of white puffed tulle, dotted all over with small pearls, three small ostrich fenther tips fastened in with a pearl brooch.—Tulle, cream Ottoman ribbon, and pearl drops.—Marabout wreaths on tulle foundations, with long tulle lappets. Three rows of large pearl beads with marabout aigrette and pearl beaded lappets.—Black velvet Mary Stuart shape, with lace and marabout feathers.

Feathers are very much used for trimming dinner and evening dresses, but flowers in profusion, and sometimes very large, are quite as popular for these occasions.

As to gloves they are more elaborate than ever, and to be in the Parisian fashion needs a very large outlay. A French contemporary of high reputation says:—"In the daytime, for visiting, &c., half-long Swedish leather, in tan, or any dark shade, may be worn. For demi-toilette, weddings, and friendly evenings, the gloves must be longer and in lighter shades; whilst for grand dinners and balls, the Swedish gloves must cover the elbow, and be of pale grey, yellow, or white. Kid gloves are quite out of fashion." They are, however, tolerat



FULLER's verdict about Lincolnshire, that "as God hath tempered the body together, so hath He so wisely blended the benefits of this county that, take it collectively, it is defective in nothing," is strangely at variance with the popular idea. The Vicar of Streatham Common, sometime Vicar of Holy Trinity, Louth, is sure that Fuller was right. The Lincolnshire climate he considers one of the best in England; in a drive over the wolds he assures us we shall see more beautiful scenery than can be found on the Hampshire Downs; the geologist and the lover of church architecture don't need to be told how rich the county is in their specialities. But Mr. Streatfeild's aim, in "Lincolnshire and the Danes" (Kegan Paul), is mainly ethnological. He sketches the Danish immigration; reminds us how all round our coasts, except between Thames and Axe and in Cornwall (excluding Helstone and the Scilly Isles), numerous place-names tell of Danish occupation. In Lincolnshire these names outnumber all others. It was the most Danish part of Danelagh. Gods, mythical heroes like that Egill (he was a Finn, by the way), who figures in a counterpart of the Tell legend, kings and vikings of history, all abound in Mr. Streatfeild's "records of settlement." The book is full of interest for the general reader, and its notes and appendices contain plenty of matter for the student of dialects and folk-lore. In only one point does Mr. Streatfeild let his enthusiasm run away with him: he praises Skegness. He does not, by the way, solve the puzzle that, while the Norwegians are not given to washing—in some dales one bath a year is the normal allowance—the Danes appear to have been as fond of the bath as the Romans.

Now that "Sylvanus Urban" goes in for novels and padding, it is all the more needful that "The Antiquary? (Elliot Stock) should keep up its character. Vol. VIII. certainly does so, with papers like Mr. Keary's on "The Coinage of the British Isles," Mr. Round's "Book of Howth," Mr. Lane-Poole on "Mohammedan Coins," and Mr. King-Watts

As archaic in form as any of Mr. Elliot Stock's other books is his "Days and Hours in a Garden," of which the initials "E. V. B." and the dedication "to Richard Cavendish Boyle" enable those who care to do so to guess the authorship, and also the whereabouts of this model of an old-fashioned garden, with its miniature woods and "fantaisies," and only one plot for bedding-out and one for foliage plants. The house, legend-haunted, and till lately haunted, too, by

white owls and big red bats, is mentioned by Evelyn as "a very pretty seate in the forest, on a flat;" but this particular garden is only eleven years old. The head and tail-pieces, for which the authoress apologises, are a delightful addition to what, when they appeared in the Gardener's Chronicle, were a very readable set of papers.

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Like ourselves, the Americans are going in for art-printing, "Abelard and Heloise" (Boston: Osgood; London: Trübner) is not so complete a reproduction of the antique as Mr. Elliot Stock's books, but for that very reason it will better please those who have a liking for white paper and don't admire ragged edges. The rubricated title-page is faultless, and so are the head-pieces. Miss Abby Sage Richardson gives in her introduction a full life of Abelard, a hero less familiar perhaps to the American than to the English public. She thinks the letters, which she reprints from Berington's translation, a fitting sequel to her other "little classic," "Old Love-Letters," because Heloise is a type of womanhood which, rare at all times, is now, through the progress of modern ideas perhaps, rapidly becoming impossible.

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Of Mr. G. Saintsbury's revision of Sir W. Scott's "Works of Dryden" (Edinburgh: Paterson) we have Vols. V. and VI., both containing only dramas, among which is Amboyna; or the Cruelties of the Dutch to the English, the brutality of which makes us feel that both we and the Dutch are better than of old. They could not do in the Transvaal as they did in Amboyna, we could not listen patiently to such fustian as that in which Towerson

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There could be faith or honour in the Dutch,
and prophesies Heaven's vengeance and England's on the accursed
nation. It was a play with a purpose; the Dutch War in 1672 was
unpopular; so Dryden undertook to exasperate the nationagainst those
whom Shaftesbury called "England's eternal enemies." Another of
the se plays is Limberham, which Mr. Saintsbury agrees with Langbaine in describing as "from the merely dramatic point of view the
best of Dryden's comedies. It failed, not because of its measureless
foulness, but because it was supposed to be a satire on some great
one, Lauderdale, or more probably Shaftesbury.

Carl Bock's "Head Hunters of Borneo" prompted us to ask "Is
it all bont fide? His "Temples and Elephants" (Sampson Low)
suggests no such question. Siam is the land of incongruities,
where, for instance, marvellous costumes are strangely combined
with ordinary European dress. His Majesty, in the frontispiece,
in the garb of a General wearing a few more orders than
usual and four stars, contrasts strangely with the same monarch
carried in State at the Kateen festival, his head almost lost in
that wonderful diadem just like a miniature Burmese pyramid. It
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seem destined to do. One is glad also, now that the white elephant
is being brought before the public, to see what the beast is like at
home. In Carl Bock's sketch he is not white, but very light
chocolate brown; the colour is improved by washings with tamarind
water; and among the beast's titles is "a descendant of the angel
of the Brahmins"—strange, this, among such devout Buddhists as
the Siamese. In "Wilson's English Circus" a really white
elephant was exhibited at Bangkok, but it was chalked all over, and
the clowns joked about "his leaving his mark on you if you rub
your nose against him." The Siamese were very indignant, and
when the elephant died within a few days and Mr. Wilson was
carried off by dysentery, they thought it was a judgment from
Buddha. Our author was lucky enough to come in for a Siamese
National Exhibition. The curious arrangement of "dignity-marks,"
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Scotland is less rich than England or Ireland in ecclesiastical remains; Knox's advice about "braking doon the nists" was only too well carried out. The photograph of the interior of "The Church and Churchyard of Cullen" (Adam, Aberdeen), the low, flat ceiling cutting off the rich tabernacle work of the altar-tomb, shows to what a state even the best preserved churches have been reduced. Cullen is one of these; such an inscription as "Pray for Helen Hay and her bairns" has very seldom, even in England, escaped the spoiler. The carving, too, of the bench ends is certainly rarer across the Border than on our side of it. But if Scotland is weak architecturally she is rich in legal documents; and, fortunately, when the Cullen service-books with their idolatrous illuminated capitals were used by the notaries as covers of their "prothogall buikis," the foundation deed of this collegiate church was preserved. Mr. Cramond has, thanks to the Earl of Scafield, been able to use it, and it is printed in extenso in his interesting little volume. His extracts from the Kirk Session records are curious, and point to a mine which has hitherto been scarcely worked. What significance there is in the record that "Alexander Patersone (A.D. 1657) for carrying fish on the Sabbath day is ordained to satisfy as ane fornicator." It is unlike Scotch thrift for the treasurer to have let 141. 5s. 4d. "of copper not now current" accumulate in 1800, and to have sold it for 5t. The established way of keeping order at a penny wedding was to take "pawns" from each party, which were forfeited in case they got drunk. Mr. Cramond finds a curious instance of monumental forgery which has es aped the notice of Cordiner in his "Remarkable Ruins." The date of John Duff of Maldavat's tombstone was broken off, and a new date, more than a century earlier, substituted. Another instalment of Rev. James Sto

It is no use giving us words like "forswonk" and "forsammate without letting us see by whom, at what dates, and in what connection they were used.

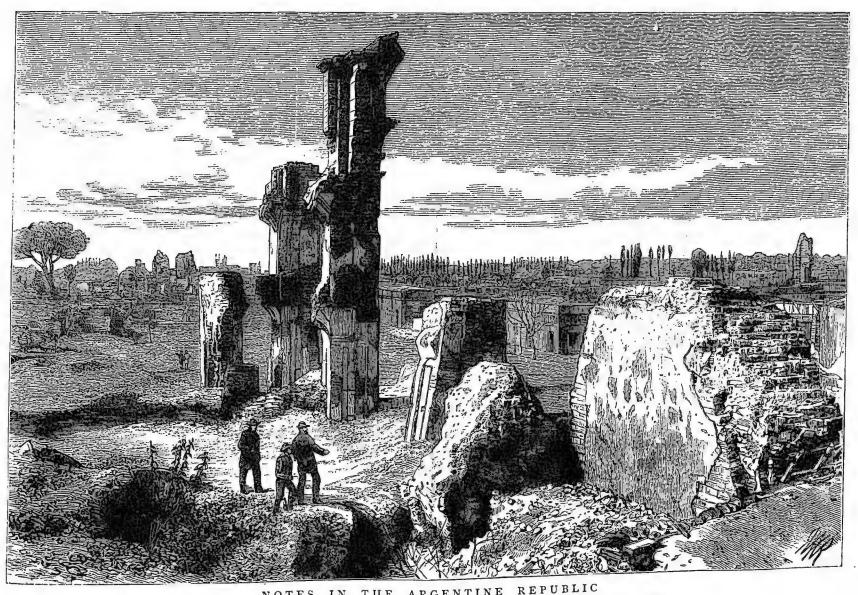
"The Encyclopædic Dictionary" (Cassell) cannot be charged with this omission. It gives at least one illustrative quotation for almost every word; and these are often so given as to be valuable helps in tracing a word's history. Sometimes the quotations supply a meaning which has escaped the compilers. Thus "droll" in Cornwall is used for a farce as well as for the person who acts in one, and Watts's words ("Holiness of Times") "used for a theatre or droll-house, or for idle puppet shows," point to this use of the word in English generally. All that is needed with these quotations is to give dates Not everybody knows when Watts lived and when "The Destruction of Troy" was written. The work is enriched with those woodcuts which so many seem to find useful in a dictionary. A new edition is announced in monthly parts at 1s, each.

The Rev. E. Cutts's "Perfecting Holiness" (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge) is a sequel to the same author's "Pastoral Counsels." That was mainly evangelical, this is ethical. "Be moderate even in your virtues" is Mr. Cutts's maxim. We know not if his honorary title, D.D. of the University of the South U.S.A., marks a growing sympathy with the American Church on the part of our Church Book Society.

Mr. Charles H. Allen, F.R.G.S., has issued a penny life of "Chinese Gordon" (A. Kingdon and Co., 52, Moorfields, E.C.). Mr. Allen is a personal friend of General Gordon, and though of course the particulars of his brief pamphlet are mainly drawn from the larger works of Wilson, Hill, and Egmont Hake, he has contrived to give the reader a vivid picture of this remarkable man, who unites to singular military capacity an intense faith in the Divine guidance, rarely seen nowadays, and an utter abnegation of self.



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NOTES IN THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC RUINS OF THE OLD CITY OF MENDOZA, DESTROYED BY THE EARTHQUAKE OF MARCH 20, 1861

MONT ST. MICHEL

EVERY ONE who has his slightest regard for historical monuments, who values medineval architecture, or cares in the least degree for the beautiful and the picturesque, must heartly sympathies with M. Victor Hugo in his protest against the proposed scheme for uniting the wonderful island of Mont St. Michel with the mainland by means of a causexuay, and possibly a ratifusy!

Those who know Mont St. Michel well, and, like the writer, have spent several days upon the island, cannot but feel that such a scheme would not only be a frightful disfigurement, but would entirely destroy all the associations and the poetry of the place. Practical people will say, "Modern improvement cannot stop in its march forward to consider poetical associations, and mere artistic whims and fancies." Now this would be a possible argument if Mont St. Michel were a busy, thriving town, a commercial port, or the seat of great industries; but in a case where the only trade is that of touting, the only visitors sightseers, the only "discok-intrade" medieval renains, surely, from a practical port, or the seat of the signal, as its only value consists in its wonderful historic and artistic associations.

The first glimpse of Mont St. Michel is strange and weird in the extreme. A vast ghostlike object of a very pale pinkish hue suddenly rises out of the buy, and one's first impression is that, one has been reading the "Chabilla Discoverage of the signal, as the surely value of the work of the signal of the signal point of the signal was a surely from a surely of the signal point of the signal point of the signal by through the water. Its solem isolation, its unearthly colour, and its flamelike outline, falls the mind with astonishment.

Mont St. Michel is by far the most perfect example of a medieval fortified abbey in existence, with its surrounding town and dependencies, all quite perfect; just, in fact, as if time had stood still with them since the fifteenth century. The great granite rock rises to the height of two hundred and hinty feet o



Messes. Novello, Ewer, and Co.—Part 61, Vol. VIII., of the Organist's Quarterly Journal begins the New Year well. Its contents are more than usually vigorous and varied; it opens with the second movement of a fantasia, in three movements, by W. Spark, "Andante Espressino," a very charming composition, which cannot fail to be appreciated by a cultivated audience.—Next we have an "Introductory Voluntary on the Russian Hymn," by T. Pye, Mus. Bac., Oxon, which will prove useful both for the church and the concert hall.—"Andante," by J. H. Wallis, is smoothly written and playable, and will prove a favourite with amateurs on account of its freedom from technical difficulties.—Of a more ambitious character is "Fugue Four Voc" on the first section of "St. David's" hymn tune, by Dr. J. C. Tiley; a thoroughly good, well-written work, worthy of careful study.—Showy for the concert hall is "Concert Aria," by Edwin Evans.

MISCELLANEOUS.—"The Growth and Cultivation of the Voice in Singing," by Madame St. Germaine, who is a well-known and highly-esteemed teacher of singing at the Crystal Palace, contains many useful hints and much good advice for the vocal student. The authoress writes clearly and lucidly, and is evidently well up in her subject. We recommend this little work to the attention of all who wish to sing well (Messrs, J. B. Cramer and Co.).—"The Bird's Nest, and Other Songs," is the title of a very pleasing volume, which contains fifty ballads and rhymes for children, edited by Mrs. Carey Brock; the tunes chiefly composed and arranged by M. A. Sidebotham. The rhymes are for the most part old familiar friends in the nursery and schoolroom, the music has been most judiciously chosen to catch the ear of the juvenile singer quickly, especially

that by M. A. Sidebotham, who evidently understands the ways and capacities of little folks. Mothers and teachers will find it an easy task to teach their children or pupils both the easy verses and the tuneful melodies to which they are set (Messrs. Seeley, Jackson, and Halliday).—Part I., "Songs With Words," by James Castle, contains a variety of songs; in some cases two sets of words are given to one tune. No. I, "The Belle of the Bicycle," is divided into three parts, and will find favour with devotees of this mode of transit; No. 2, "The Hope of Bye-and-Bye," is a pretty ballad for a high voice; of the remaining three songs there is little to be said in their favour and nothing against them (H. Vickers).—A new setting to music of Campbell's grand old poem, "Ye Mariners of England," by Clarence S. Hill, will not bear comparison with the popular tune, which is no disparagement to the modern composer (The London Music Publishing and General Agency Company).—Two sea songs which will please a nautically-disposed audience are: "Jack's Fancy," written and composed by F. B. Needham and Leonard Barnes, for a bass voice (Messrs. Marriott and Williams); and "How Cheery are the Mariners," words by B. Parker, music by G. Sothern, for a tenor (Edward Crosse).—Very prettily got-up is the first volume of "Vingt Mélodies," pour chant et piano, music by F. Paolo Tosti, words freely translated from the Italian into French by Paul Solanges. These songs are of more than ordinary merit, suitable for tenors or basses, as with few exceptions they are love themes addressed to the fair sex. This volume will be a desirable addition to the drawing-room repertoire (Messrs. Ricordi).—Two very graceful pieces for the pianoforte, by Grace M. Hime, are respectively "Saudades" ("Longing") (C. Jefferys), and "L'Embranças" ("Greeting") (Messrs. W. J. Willcocks and Co.) As these are companion pieces it is a pity that they are not published by the same firm.—"The Ensnared Waltz, by E. Crosse, has a pleasing melody, and the time is well marked



Dr., Ceorge MacDonald's "Donal Grant" (3 vols.; Kegan Paul, Trench, and Co.) is very much in the nature of a discourse on certain theological questions which receive their warmest grit of objection either dealed. We do not mentionally in the procession morth of the Tweed. We do not mentionally in the procession north of the Tweed. We do not mentionally in the procession north of control of the mention of the control of the

audience, if she only cared to show them, it may be worth while to ask her whether she really sees any charm in a heroine so prodigiously philosophical as to imbibe no prejudices whatever from the religious influences which surrounded her childhood, and even to be indifferent to the discovery, after marriage, that her husband has a divorced wife still living. The average novel reader holds to her conventionalities, which, in these points at least, seem to be founded upon sounder principles than usual.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES

A Most interesting correspondence has lately arisen in the Times respecting the advantages of two-eyed rifle-shooting in place of the orthodox method to which our soldiers are trained—of closing one eye while the other looks along the barrel. The discussion was opened by Mr. J. D. Dougall, a great authority on sporting guns and rifles, who goes so far as to say that closing one eye in aiming is utterly fallacious, and quite prevents a soldier becoming a skilful and practical shot in battle. Mr. J. M. Hay, of the (Artists') Rifle Volunteers, also advocates the use of two eyes, and as he is the winner of more than two hundred prizes for rifle-shooting—all shot for with both eyes open—he is certainly qualified to speak upon the subject. The use of both eyes in using such instruments as the telescope and microscope has long been advocated by some of the most experienced workers. It certainly has the advantage of not overworking one eye—a circumstance that frequently happens when the other procedure is adopted. Persons who have trained themselves to use both eyes in microscopic work speedily find that the eye not looking at the object, although it must, being open, convey impressions to the retina, seems to send no information to the brain. Such vision as it affords is quite unconscious to the worker. It is also well known that by practice either eye can be used without giving undue preference to one or the other. There seems to be no reason that what is true of microscopic work is true of the use of the eyes in rifle-shooting. If it he difference in correct aim is so great as the advocates of the two-eyed system maintain, an authoritative trial between a one-eyed and a two-eyed squad should be at once instituted. We have unfortunately of late years learn the lesson that the shooting of our soldiers is open to ever great improvement.

Anybody with but a smattering of chemistry will know that when bread is baked in the oven, the cancion of the yeast upon the moist four is to change-part of its starc

present state of science it is difficult to distinguish between milk naturally poor, and milk to which water has been added, and admits that "a too rigid adherence to the minimum standard nominally adopted by certain analysts may now and then result in the condemnation of absolutely genuine milk." Perhaps the most important part of the report is that which complains of the extreme leniency of magistrates, the City Analyst stating that it has not been deemed expedient to institute prosecutions during the year, on account of the difficulty of obtaining convictions, and of the great leniency shown by magistrates in awarding punishments to proved offenders. Perhaps if these magistrates would remember that milk is, or ought to be, the chief article of diet for infants, they would be a little more severe on those who make "enormous profits" (we quote from the report) by adulterating it.

The speed at which a tidal wave can travel has been calculated by M. de la Croix to be greater than the velocity of sound in air. His calculations are based on the great tidal depression which occurred in the Straits of Sunda during the outburst at Krakatoa in August last. On the same day a wave was noted at Point de Galle, Ceylon, and another one at Mauritius, both supposed to be due to the initial depression in the Straits of Sunda.

A correspondent of the Daily News, who has lately visited the whole line of works of the Panama Canal, says that giant strides have been taken towards the construction of this waterway, and that large villages have sprung into being where there was before but a tangled wilderness. The opposition shown by the Americans when the work was first begun has died away now that it is so far on the road to completion, and stores and machinery in large quantities are supplied by them. The value of these stores and machinery on the Isthmus is supposed to be at least three millions sterling, and the entire cost of cutting and completing the channel will be about 25,000,000. It is fully believed that the huge enter

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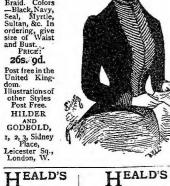
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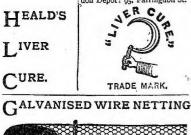
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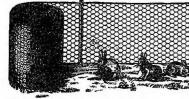
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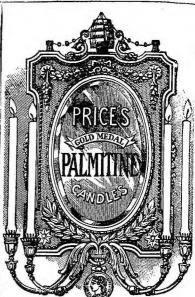
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